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CALCUTTA AND KARACHI MAY BE FREE PORTS

But Cabinet Turns Cold Shoulder To Proposal For Division

LONDON, May 8. (U.P.A.): Definite proposals for the division of India said to have emanated from Mr. M. A. Jinnah were placed before the British Cabinet's Sub-Committee on India during Lord Ismay's initial consultations, it was learned today.

These proposals were said to have flatly stated that if Pakistan was "awarded", a definite assurance would be given that the Muslim State could be counted as a member of the British Commonwealth.

TWO FREE PORTS

Other unspecified assurances were given, and it was further proposed that with the creation of Pakistan, Calcutta and Karachi would be made "free ports."

The Cabinet Sub-Committee was said to have given these proposals "due consideration", but the opinion was expressed that they would "not cut much ice" with the full Cabinet with which the final decisions reside.

"REBUFF TO CONGRESS"

Some indication of the Cabinet's attitude was seen in the Chancellor of the Exchequer's declaration that Britain's sterling indebtedness must be reduced. This was recognised as a "definite rebuff" to the All-India Congress Party supporters who would be mainly affected by any downward adjustment of Britain's debts to India.

It was believed, therefore, that the Cabinet would seek to soften this economic bombshell through political concessions which would meet Congress aspirations in line with their acceptance of the Cabinet Mission's proposals.

LOOSE FEDERATION

No decisions on India were expected this week but it was probable that next week, when Lord Ismay was scheduled to return to New Delhi, some statement would be forthcoming which might outline a "loose federation" which would be looser than that Sir Stafford Cripps originally authored last year.

This loose federation would comprise three sub-federations, namely, A Group of the Cabinet Mission's plan, B and C Groups which would deal with the territories claimed by the Muslim League and a sub-federation of native States. These three sub-federations would retain residuary powers and surrender a minimum of power to the "loose federal government."

CHUNDRIGAR AND LIAQUAT

Prior to Lord Ismay's departure, India's Interim Government Commerce Minister Chundrigar was due to arrive by Pan American Airways on May 10, ahead of his original itinerary 'en route' to Geneva's international trade talks, and it was thought possible he might arrive in London as Jinnah's plenipotentiary.

Later this month, Finance Minister Liaquat Ali Khan would arrive with representatives of other creditor nations to obtain a clear cut decision on the future status of the sterling debts which all quarters agreed were the most important factor in Britain's relations with the rest of the world.

BRITISH ARMS TO CLEAR OUT

R. H. S. Crossman, leader of the Parliamentary Socialist Left Wing rebels—the man Winston Churchill said "ought to be sitting in the place of the Prime Minister"—predicted today that British arms would be pulled

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NO DIVISION OF INDIA

(From Our Correspondent.)
LAHORE, May 8.

A note contrary to the prevailing belief that division of India is impending or inevitable, was struck by a very high authority in Lahore today.

The authority told a close friend of his that "there will be no division of Punjab or of India".

This apparently optimistic statement was based, I am assured, on knowledge rather than conjecture.

According to the same authority, British Government will stick to the cabinet plan of May 1946. There will be no option for non-co-operating political parties to remain in the Interim Government and boycott the Constituent Assembly.

ATTLEE FOR WORLD GOVT.

British Premier On Why League Of Nations Failed

LONDON, May 8 (APA): The British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, supported in principle the idea of a world government to-day in a statement underscoring the "dangers" to world civilisation from another world war."

Speaking at a public meeting sponsored by the United Nations' Association at 10, Downing Street, Mr. Attlee said he wanted to see a relationship growing between the peoples of all countries towards the United Nations such as existed in Britain between the people and Parliament.

"The dangers to world civilisation from another world war are greater to-day than they were between the wars," he said.

"If we are to avoid the disasters that we realise only too acutely are possible," he added, "we have to get together but fear is a very poor motive.

"You don't really get much by shivering in fear but by building peace and by positive achievements, not merely by the warding away of war."

At another point, Mr. Attlee said, "although the League of Nations failed, not because the ideas were wrong but because we failed to carry out those ideas, we are afforded another opportunity which has been brought by the blood and sweat of our fellow-countrymen and the love of freedom all over the world."

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Dr. Lo Chia Luen, Chinese Ambassador-designate to India, photographed with Pt. Nehru when they met informally on Wednesday.

Delhi Awaits Union's Move

Issue Of Resumption Of Diplomatic Relations With South Africa

NEW DELHI, May 8. (A.P.I.): It is understood that there is no truth in reports from South Africa that resumption of diplomatic relations between India and South Africa is imminent and that the Indian High Commissioner will shortly return to South Africa.

However, it is not considered unlikely that South Africa may make a move in this direction.

It is pointed out, however, that to succeed such a move must be backed by some definite indication that Union Government will act upon recommendations of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

EARLY INDO-AFRICAN SETTLEMENT LIKELY

CAPE TOWN May 8. (A.P.A.): Ahmed Ismail President of the South African Indian Congress, said here yesterday that "recent developments indicate that an amicable settlement (between South Africa and India) is close at hand."

"When Deshmukh, the High Commissioner for India, who was recently recalled to India arrives we can then work in a peaceful atmosphere towards a round-table conference on various issues that concern us.

'CAPE TIME'S' HOPES

The "Cape Time's" in a leading article says, "The confident belief, even assurance, of the President of the South African Indian Congress, Mr. Ahmed Ismail, that the Indian High Commissioner will shortly return to South Africa and amicable relations will be restored between his country and India, will be widely welcomed in the Union.

"The return to South Africa of Mr. R. M. Deshmukh, whose skilled and wise diplomacy has been of great service to both the countries would be a happy indication that moderate advocacies had at last prevailed".

Syed Mahmud Accompanies Gandhiji

PATNA, May 8 (API.) Mahatma Gandhi and his party passed through Patna on their way to Calcutta from Delhi this evening. He was joined by Dr. Syed Mahmud, at Patna. Dr. Mahmud it is learnt, was telegraphically requested by Mahatma Gandhi to accompany him to Calcutta.

The Delhi Express carrying Mahatma Gandhi left Patna exactly at 6 p.m. Mr. Anugraha Narain Singh is accompanying Mahatma Gandhi upto Bakhtiarpur about 29 miles from here.

MRIDULA JOINS PARTY

ALLAHABAD, May 8 (UPI.) Mahatma Gandhi and party passed through Allahabad this morning by the Delhi-Howrah Express for Calcutta, Miss Mridula Sarabhai who arrived here from Delhi by air, joined Gandhiji's party here.

Gujarat & Kathiawar States' Unit For Indian Union

Baroda To Be Capital: Mitter's Scheme For Princes' Approval

BARODA, May 8 (API.) Sir B. L. Mitter, Dewan of Baroda, disclosed an interview today that he had framed a tentative scheme for the formation of a large unit of Kathiawar and Gujarat States forming part of the Indian Union and with Baroda as capital. He said he would place the scheme before the States concerned as soon as the British Government's decision on the question of Division of India was known.

The Dewan added that the Unit would be formed on a purely voluntary basis, taking into consideration linguistic, ethnological and cultural affinities.

Referring to the progress made by the Constituent Assembly, whose recent session he had attended as a representative of Baroda, Sir B. L. Mitter said the work now being done by the Assembly would not be wasted even if India was divided. It would be available for the Indian Union which would comprise section "A" of the Cabinet Mission Plan, a large number of federating Statec and possibly, parts of the Punjab and Bengal, which would not go into Pakistan.

BHOPAL PEOPLE AND CONSEMBLY

BHOPAL, May 8 (API). The Working Committee of the Bhopal State People's Conference has passed a resolution favouring the State's participation in the Constituent Assembly by sending one representative with three advisers.

The resolution says that in selecting the representative and his advisers the conference should be consulted.

The President of the Conference has drawn the attention of the Nawab of Bhopal to the resolution.

CONGRESS LEADERS' KASHMIR VISIT POSTPONED

BENARES, May 8 (API.) Mr. Sri Prakash, M.L.A. (Central) who, with Messrs. Jai Randas Daulatram and Khan Abdul Ghani-Khan, was to proceed to Kashmir day after tomorrow on behalf of the Congress Working Committee to study and report on the situation, has been telegraphically informed that Congress President has postponed the visit for the time being.

MYSORE MUST JOIN CONSEMBLY

Reddy Says State Congress Will Press Demand

NEW DELHI, May 8. (UPI.) Mr. K. C. Reddy, President of the Mysore Congress who is here at present, met all top-ranking Congress leaders including Gandhiji Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and, discussed with them the Mysore situation including the question of Mysore joining the Constituent Assembly.

Mr. Reddy told the United Press of India: "To make the Constituent Assembly a success is the immediate issue before the country and Mysore must join the Constituent Assembly. The people of Mysore are anxious to join the Constituent Assembly and the State Congress is pressing this demand before the State authorities."

The discussions between the Dewan of Mysore and the representatives of the State Congress on the proposed reform will be resumed immediately after the return of Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar to Mysore from Delhi, it is learnt.

The State Congress has made four demands: 1. The basis of the proposed reforms be responsible Government: 2. The formation of a Constituent Assembly for Mysore to frame a constitution for the State; 3. The establishment of an Interim Government and (4) the sending of representatives to the Indian Constituent Assembly.

Mr. Reddy said that the Satyagraha which was to be started on May 1 was postponed in view of the negotiations between the Dewan and the representatives of the State Congress. "But if the proposed reforms does not meet our demand, he added "we will have no alternative but to launch a popular movement to get powers from unwilling hands."

Call To Hyderabad To Join Consembly

(From Our Correspondent.)
HYDERABAD, May 8.

I understand that the Hyderabad State Independent Progressive Party in the Assembly has decided to issue a statement calling upon Hyderabad Government to join the Indian Union and criticised the recent speeches delivered by the leader of the Muslim Party.

STOP PRESS

ANOTHER FRENCH COLONY DEMANDS INDEPENDENCE

PARIS, May 8 (Reuter).—The independence movement in the French-owned Pacific island of Tahiti is gathering force, Deputy Maurice Violette told the French National Assembly today.

"According to a letter I have just received from Tahiti," he declared, "the situation is getting worse every day and Tahitians are getting ready to proclaim their independence."

RECALL MADAGASCAR GOVERNOR-GENERAL

PARIS, May 8 (Reuter).—Recall of the Madagascar Governor-General, M. De Coppet, was demanded by Representative Duveau (M. R. P.) in a National Assembly debate today on the uprising in Madagascar.

BANK OF INDO-CHINA

SAIGON, May 9 (Reuter).—The Bank of Indo-China will in future function as a purely Bankers' Bank and not as a bank of issue with fiduciary powers as at present. This is one of the important decisions taken by the Indo-China Economic Conference which concluded yesterday.

A new official body called Institut Indo-Chinois Demission will hereafter be entrusted with the issue and control of Indo-China's currency.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON OCTOBER
New York, May 8.

Previous Closing	....	29.63
Today's Opening	....	29.58
Difference	....	—05
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Difference	......	—30

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
New York, May 8.

New York Stock Exchange Opening prices.

Anaconda Copper Mining	36-1/4
General Motors	57-1/8
United States Steel Common	68-1 2
United States Steel Preference	144

Nizam's Govt. Externs Socialist Leader

Jai Prakash Flown To Bombay: Partial Hartal In Hyderabad: Tear Gas Attack On Stone-Throwing Crowds

BOMBAY, May 8 (API).—Mr Jai Prakash Narain, the Socialist Leader, who was arrested by the Hyderabad Police this morning, was immediately externed from State territory and arrived in Bombay by air this evening.

Mr. Jai Prakash Narain, who was accompanied by his wife, was taken by the Hyderabad police to the aerodrome, where he was put on a plane leaving for Bombay.

JAI PRAKASH'S STATEMENT

Mr. Jaiprakash in the course of a statement says:

"I arrived yesterday noon in Hyderabad and was to be in the State till the 10th morning. The big enthusiastic crowd at the aerodrome and the great crowds that lined the route all the way to Hyderabad city heartened me a great deal and made it clear that the people of this backward authoritarian State too have awakened to a new life and consciousness. In the evening yesterday I addressed a record meeting at Secunderabad

This morning at about 4 a.m. I was awakened by Shri Mahadeo Singh at whose residence I was putting up. He told me that the Deputy Commissioner of Police wanted to see me. The Deputy Commissioner said that he had to perform a very unpleasant duty, which was to serve a notice under the orders of the Nizam's Government that I should leave the State immediately. The reason given in the notice was that my speeches were likely to lead to communal trouble.

I politely told the police officers that I regretted I could not comply with the Government's orders because I considered Hyderabad to be as much a part of India as any other and because I considered it to be a most elementary right of every Indian to go wherever he wished in his country. The Deputy Commissioner expressed his regret and announced that in that case he had orders to put me under arrest and remove me outside the borders of the State.

"We were all put in a car and driven

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SOVEREIGNTY FOR MALAYS

RANGOON, May 8 (Reuter): A self-governing Malaya as an independent member of an Indonesian Federation is envisaged by Dr. Burhanuddin, President of the Malay Nationalist Party, who is now in Rangoon as a guest of the Burmese Government.

Dr. Burhanuddin, who represented Malaya at the recent Inter-Asian Conference at Delhi, told the press today: "Complete independence is Malaya's ultimate goal but our destiny is closely linked with that of other Malay territories of South-East Asia with which we will become affiliated through a Union or a Federation. Such a Federation of Malayan nations—comprising Malaya, Java, Sumatra, Borneo, the Celebes and other islands of the far-flung Malayan Archipelago—is potentially one of the wealthiest and strategically the most important of region on the face of the globe".

Reviewing the Malayan peoples' "struggle for their rights", the Malayan leader said. "All progressive elements in Malaya—Malays as well as domiciled Chinese, Indians and others—are determined to resist British plans to perpetuate the colonial status of the country. The Malayan Union plan has already been thrown out by all parties. We are not claiming complete independence at present. We only ask for an improved form of Dominion Status—substantially self-Government for Malaya.

MADRAS, May 8 (API.) Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Member for Industries and Supplies, Government of India, arrived in Madras this evening by plane from Delhi. He was welcomed at the aerodrome by a large crowd, including ministers and legislators.

He drove to his residence with the Prime Minister, Mr. C. P. Ramaswami reddier.

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Prevent Demolition Of Military Hutments

Bombay Corporation's Request To Government

Adjournment Motion On Use Of "Vanaspati" In Municipal Institutions Rejected

BOMBAY, Thursday,

"Vanaspati" and the "Vaitarna Water Scheme" formed the subject matter of an abortive short notice adjournment motion in the Bombay Municipal Corporation this evening.

Asked by Dr. Homi F. Pavri, the Municipal Commissioner, Mr. B. K. Patel, has stated that he proposed to continue the use of "Vanaspati" in Municipal institutions and to permit its sale to the public "as experts had differed on this question and 'Vanaspati' has not been conclusively proved to be injurious to health." The Commissioner was also questioned why no budget provision had been made for the survey of the Vaitarna Scheme. He stated sanction for that had been applied for.

DESPITE RAJEN BABU'S STATEMENT

On his toes in a trice, Mr. M. N. Talpade asked permission of the Mayor to move an adjournment motion to discuss the Commissioner's answers which showed "defiance of public opinion and absolute disregard of the rules of health." Mr. Talpade said that the Commissioner had replied "yes" to Dr. Pavri's question whether he was aware of the statement made by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the Food Member that 'Vanaspati' was bad for health and led to blindness. The Commissioner had also answered categorically that the 'Vanaspati' supplied to Municipal institutions was 'not' analysed in any Municipal Laboratory. Despite this, he still proposed to continue its use and permit its sale to the public. Mr. Talpade said his adjournment motion was to protest against the nature of the Municipal Commissioner's answers.

"The Commissioner cannot delude the public thus", Mr. Talpade shouted when the Mayor pulled him up for making a long speech on his "adjournment motion."

The motion was defeated by a huge majority.

STOP DEMOLITION OF THOSE HUTMENTS

The Government of Bombay was this evening requested by the Municipal Corporation to consider the idea of issuing an ordinance to prevent the demolishing by Defence Services of temporary hutments they had erected during the war on private lands.

In the opinion of the Corporation, "such demolition involves a great economic loss, more particularly when the structures could be usefully retained for relieving the acute housing shortage in the city."

Mr. D. V. Patel, moving the resolution recommending the step, said that the Corporation viewed with "great concern" the procedure adopted by the Government and the Defence Services in demolishing temporary hutments erected by them on private lands with a view to handing over vacant possession to the owner of the lands. He requested the authorities to give an option to the owners to purchase these structures as they stood at present.

He asked that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Municipal Commissioner with a request that he would make a suitable representation to Government in this behalf and report to the Corporation whether it would be desirable to revise the Improvement Schemes Building Rules so as to permit the retention of these structures for a period of five years, provided they were entirely used for housing purposes.

Supporting the motion, Mr. Jamnadas Mehta asked why the Public Safety Ordinance, which was being directed against Communists and others, should not be invoked to prevent demolition of useful hutments.

DISAGREEMENT AMONG OWNERS

The Municipal Commissioner submitted that the India and the Bombay Governments were "not unaware" of the housing shortage in Bombay. The temporary structures stood either on Municipal lands, or private lands, or on lands jointly owned by two or three parties. The Lands and Hirings Department of the Government of India were willing to hand over these structures to the land owners but the difficulty arose when lands on which these hutments stood, belonged to more than one party, who exhibited no unanimity of opinion as to the fate of the structures.

The Commissioner said that in such cases the different owners should unite and agree to retain the hutments jointly. Otherwise the Government would have to acquire the land in order to retain the structures or go in for other alternative measures. Giving an assurance that the "needful" would be done in the matter, he appealed to the public to see that the temporary hutments don't go down because of difference of opinion among the parties owning the land.

Mr. M. N. Talpade suggested an amendment that the Government be requested to issue an ordinance to prevent the demolitions. It was accepted by the mover and the resolution was passed as amended.

Nadkarni Final

TRADES' NARROW LEAD

G. I. P. Steal Honours

BOMBAY, Thursday

TRADES (INDIA) S.C.	3
G.I.P. RAILWAY 'A'	2

Of the five goals scored in the first leg of this year's Nadkarni Cup final, Trades claimed three. But the third which put them ahead of their rivals for the first time in the match came only 4 minutes before the final whistle.

The Railway side had their share of the exchanges, but lack of sufficient power in their finishing efforts saw them miss chances which might otherwise have been converted. Tambe, who was largely responsible for keeping their front line moving, was the chief culprit in poor finishing. Lacking in height, in strength, Tambe, still persisted in piercing a defence, tried, trusted and proved. He started as a left-in but soon played at inside-right when he was more comfortable. He combined well with Shiva with whom he changed plans but Shiva often lost possession of the ball in an attempt to pass to a vague and undefinable position. Their goals, however, were well-deserved. Tambe, got the first and after Rashad had got the equaliser, Tully once again gave his side the lead which was again neutralised shortly before the interval by Thomas, who also got the Trades' third goal.

As for the Railway defence, they had a full time job tackling the Trades forwards. Left-back R. Almeida, who has shown as consistent a form as any in that position this year was seen to much advantage. He was rendered adequate support by right-back Pavey and centre-half—B. Duncan. And together with the equally poor finishing of the Trades' forwards, they kept the score against them to a base minimum.

The teams:—

Trades (India) S. C.: Sanjiva; Manuel and Rathnam; Suvarna, Perumal and Govind; Aziz, Parab, Rashad, Thomas and Dhakuram.

G.I.P. Railway 'A': D'Costa; C. Pavey and R. Almeida; R. D'Souza, B. Duncan and B. Fernandes; G. D'Mello, Shiva, Tully, Tambe and S. James.

Gaekwar Confident His Horse Will Win Derby

SHANNON (EIRE), May 8 (Reuter). The Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda, before he left the airport here today for New York, said that he thought his horse "Sayajirao" would beat the 2,000 guineas winner "Tudar Minstrel" in the Derby.

"GOLF OLYMPIAD" IN ENGLAND

LONDON, May 8, (U.P.A.): Golf, the illustrated influential magazine of the British golfing world, today proposed a "Golf Olympiad" to be held in England next year to coincide with the Olympic Games.

HOUSING FOR OLYMPIC COMPETITORS

LONDON, May 8, (U.P.A.): The Organizing Committee for next year's Olympics announced that housing has been secured for over 4,000 competitors and officials in London. Fifteen-hundred will be housed in the Army convalescent camp at Richmond Park and 2,000 more at Uxbridge and West Drayton.

LONDON, May 8, (Reuter): George Allison, the well-known Secretary Manager of the Arsenal Football Club, is retiring from football management at the end of May and is to return to journalism.

Meherally Resigns

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The resignation by Mr. Yusuf Meherally, Socialist leader, of his seat in the Bombay Municipal Corporation was announced to-day.

A letter from Mr. Meherally conveying this decision and written prior to his departure for the United States was publicised by the Municipal Secretary in the Corporation to-day. Mr. Meherally wrote: "Under medical advice I am leaving for the United States for treatment and will be away for six months. Under the circumstances, I hereby resign my seat in the Bombay Municipal Corporation."

Moving that the letter of resignation be "recorded", Mr. S. K. Patil, Leader of the Municipal Congress Party, expressed sincere appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the city by Mr. Meherally during the 12 years he was a Councillor of the Corporation, as Mayor of Bombay during 1942-43 and as a member of the Tramways and Telephones Committee for 3 years. He prayed that Mr. Meherally would be restored to perfect health before long. Mr. B. N. Maheshwari seconded the motion.

Dr. Alban D'Souza observed that Mr. Meherally won the admiration of Bombay by his services.

The Mayor, Mr. A. P. Sabavala, associating himself with the resolution, spoke of Mr. Meherally as a "great patriot and a man of high ideals." He hoped that the Socialist leader would return to India soon fully recovered.

The resolution was passed unanimously and a copy of it is to be sent to Mr. Yusuf Meherally "with best wishes for his recovery."

Appeal For Hindu Sangathan

NEW DELHI, May 2.

Sree Ashutosh Lahiry, General Secretary, All-India Hindu Mahasabha, in the course of a press statement says:—

"The 10th of May is approaching and it is the primary duty of every Hindu Sanghathanist throughout India to observe this historic Day in a befitting manner.

Now that the Britishers are getting out of the picture, it is the over-riding call of duty for the Hindus to be so organised as to be capable of defending the freedom of—of Hindusthan as much against external aggression as against internal chaos and confusion.

To this end I appeal to every lover of Hindudom to observe this Day in a manner so that every Hindu may be inspired with a new call of duty and of service and suffering and every Hindu may realise the tremendous responsibility that rests on him by virtue of the revolutionary political changes that are imminent.

POONA—MAHABLESHWAR TAXI-CAB SERVICE

The Director of Publicity, Government of Bombay, Bombay writes: A comprehensive scheme will be prepared to afford a permanent ideal taxi-cab service on the Poona-Mahableshwar route. In the meanwhile in order to provide efficient taxi cab service on the route and to prevent the malpractices by taxi owners during the present Mahableshwar Season, the Regional Transport Authority, South Deccan Region, has stationed 100 taxi cabs at Poona, 20 at Mahableshwar and 6 at Panchgani having permits to ply in the whole of the South Deccan region.

FACILITIES FOR PILGRIMS ON B. B. AND C. I. RLY.

Additional Shuttle Service Between Anand And Dakore

Mr. Harilal U. Jasani of Santa Cruz had drawn the attention of the C.T.M., B.B. & C.I. Railway to the grievances of pilgrims going to Dakore. In reply the railway authorities have written as under:—

"The position on the Anand Godhra section is appreciated and introduction of an extra service on this section will have first priority as soon as coaching stock and locomotive power become available. To reduce overcrowding it has however been arranged from 20/4/47 to run an additional shuttle service between Anand and Dakore to the following timings:—Anand Dep. 13-20, Dakore Ar. 14-20, Dakore Dep. 14-50 and Anand Ar. 16-3.

More carriages are also now being attached to the trains running on the Anand Godhra Branch.

BENGALI HINDUS IN U. K. FAVOUR PARTITION OF PROVINCE

The following resolution to which the signatures of more than 150 Bengali Hindus living in the United Kingdom have been secured has been communicated to Gandhiji, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr. S. P. Mukerjee and other Indian leaders, the British Premier, the Viceroy of India, and the Governor as well as Premier of Bengal.

"We the Bengali Hindus, residing in the United Kingdom, have observed with great despair the communal policy followed by the present Muslim Government in Bengal and have resolved that to preserve our glorious culture of Bengal, to keep up the National Institutions of Bengal, we have no other way than to obtain a separate portion of our Motherland, allotted to us Hindus, so as to build up a state based on the principle of Nationalism, joint electorate, adult franchise, full freedom of speech and press; and thereby to enable us to remain in an All-Indian Union".

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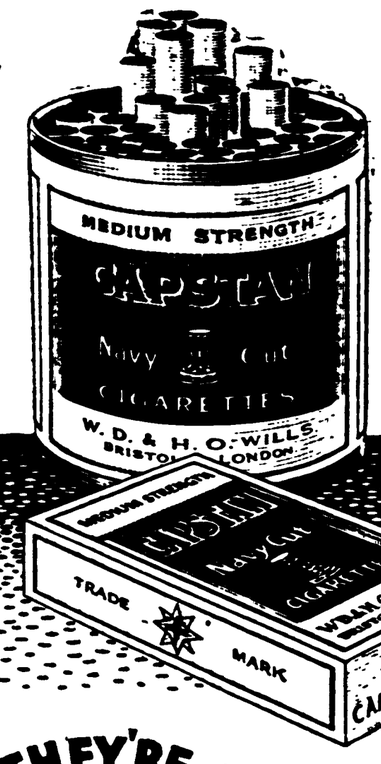
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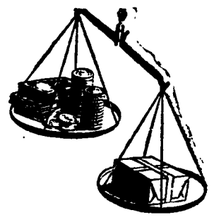
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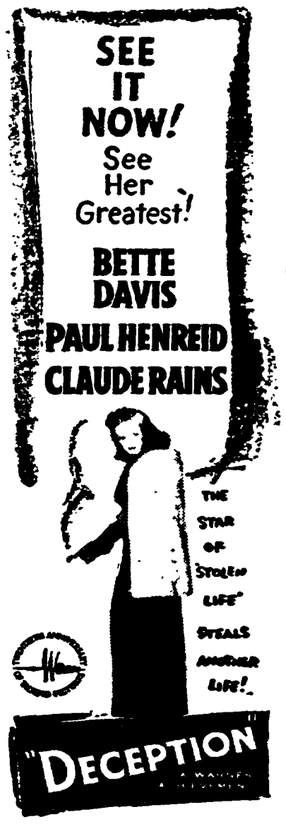
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Today's Engagements

TARAPOREVALA AQUARIUM: Foundation stone of the aquarium will be laid by Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay today (Friday) at 5-30 p.m. on the open plot, in front of the Catholic Gymkhana, Marine Drive (next to Kaivalyadhama Health Training Centre.)

MARATHI GRANTH SANGRAHALAYA: Public meeting at the Blavatsky Lodge at 6-30 p.m. today to celebrate the Birthday of Rao Bahadur Dadoba Pandurang Tarkhudkar, Grammarian and author. The Rt. Hon. Dr M. R. Jayakar, will preside. The following will participate as speakers: Mr. B. G. Kher, Mr. S. L. Karandikar, Rao Saheb V. S. Sohoni and Mr. S. V. Parulekar.

RASTRIYA MILL MAZDOOR SANGH: Congratulatory function in honour of Sjt. Dhirubhai, Sjt. Shantilal Shah and Sjt. Deewan Vakil, at 5 p.m. today at Mazdoor Manzil, 25 Government Gate Road, Parel.

MUSIC RECITAL BY P. S. MANI BHAGHAVATHAR: The Talented disciple of Chembai Vydyanatha Bhaghavathar at S. I. E. S. High School, Matunga, today at 8 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "The Foundation of Religion" is the subject to be taken up for consideration at 6-15, today at Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp Flora Fountain.

BHARATIYA KALA MANDAL: The Bharatiya Kala Mandal will present a variety entertainment on the occasion of the Vasantotsava celebration today (Friday) at 6-30 p.m. at Sree Nanda Theatre, near Tilak Bridge, Dadar, under the presidentship of Shrimati Bhagavatiben Khetan. The programme will include a number of classical and folk dances.

INDONESIAN INFORMATION SERVICE: The Indonesian Information Service with the co-operation of the members of the Bombay Friends of the Soviet Union and the Indian Friends of Indonesia is holding an exhibition "Free Indonesia" at the Aryan Educational High School Hall on the 9th, 10th and 11th inst. Mrs. Mithan Lam, the Sheriff of Bombay will open the exhibition on Friday thet 9th May at 6-30 p.m. today.

Y.M.C.A. RURAL WELFARE WORKERS' TRAINING INSTITUTE: Under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. Rural Work Department a ten months' theoretical and practical Diploma Course in all aspects of Rural Reconstruction will be provided at Martandam, South Travancore, for the benefit of English-knowing men and women from July 1st, 1947 till April 30th, 1948. Students, who may consider taking this Course, should apply to the Principal Care Y.M.C.A. Rural Demonstration Centre, Martandam South Travancore, for a copy of the Prospectus.

WEDDING OF MINISTER'S SON: The marriage of Mahadeo, son of Mr. G. D. Warak, Minister of Local Self-Government, Government of Bombay, with Girija, daughter of the late Mr. Bhaskarrao H. Patil of Sasoen, was celebrated on Thursday at Bassein. The Prime Minister and other Ministers were present for the function.

KHER TO INSPECT HOME GUARDS PARADE

Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister of Bombay and the Home Minister, Mr. Morarji Desai, will inspect the Home Guards at the next general parade on May 11 at the Headquarters of the Home Guards, Churchgate Reclamation.

Rs. 5,000 Worth Jewellery Stolen

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Jewellery worth about Rs. 5,000 is alleged to have been stolen from one Hanumanth Yardi, a school teacher from Wai in Satara District when he was on a brief visit to Bombay on Tuesday. It appears that he engaged a victoria to proceed to Kakalwadi and on reaching his destination found that his trunk was broken open on the way and Jewellery valued at Rs. 5,000 missing. The garri walla, who is suspected to have committed the theft, has not been traced.

WEATHER NEWS FOR FARMERS

FORECAST TILL SATURDAY MORNING:—Isolated thunderstorms with light rain may occur in the south Konkanpatti, the Bombay Karnatak, south Mawal, the Deccan, east Khandesh, Marathwada and the Hyderabad Karnatak.

OUTLOOK FOR FURTHER 2 DAYS:—Dry weather.

TODAY ON RADIO

FRIDAY, May 9.

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244 m. (1231 kc/s)—7-30 a.m. Swar Kanika (by D'Amel) 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 S. M. Upadhyay (Violin) 8-45 Master Nisar (Ghazal Abid) 9-0 Roshanara Begam Khayal Vilambit and Dhrut; Lalit.

12-0 p.m. Programme of special interest to women (G) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Variety 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Lunch-Hour Music 4-30 Bhalchandra Patekar (Multani) 4-50 Vishnukumar Vyas (Gujarati Geet) 5-0/ S. M. Upadhyay (Violin) 5-15 Children's programme (H) 5-45 Topic of Day 5-55 Locals 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Balasaheb Dandekar (Marathi Bhavgeeten) 6-30 Bhalchandra Patekar (Bajan se: Gauri) 6-45 Vishnukumar Vyas (Gujarati Geet Suchrashmi) 7-0 P. N. Dewookar (Puria Dhanashri) 7-30 Discussion on price stabilization between V. Y. Kombatkar and S. B. Mahabal (M) 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 "Dawa" Play by Parvez (H) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-40 Programme Parade 9-45 Anthology of English verse presented by Kamal Wood 10 0 Roshanara Begam (Khayal Vilambit: Shankara,



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KRISHNA GANA SABHA CONCERTS

To celebrate the Centenary of Thyagaraja, the saint-singer of South India, the Krishna Gana Sabha, Matunga, has arranged a series of concerts, which will be held from the 10th to the 18th instant at the Sohrab Palamcote Hall Dadar. Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer G.N.B. and Maharajapuram Viswanatha Iyer, the Big Three" in Karnataki music, will give recitals, and they will be accompanied by Papa Venkataramayya (Violin) and Palghat Mani (Mridangam). It is a unique combination of top-ranking artistes in Karnataki music world. K. S. Narayanaswamy Brothers, who give a Veena recital, are new to Bombay, but are reported to be able exponents. The series will terminate with the recital of Srimathi N. C. Vasantakokilam, who is a well-known figure in film and music world. In view of the fact that some of the best artistes will be in Bombay, the Sabha can arrange an "Aradhana" ceremony for Saint Thyagaraja, where his "Pancharatna Kirtanas" can be sung. Apart from being a treat, it will have immense educative value for the listeners.

Dr. Raghu Vira To Be Honoured

Dr. Raghu Vira, the eminent philologue, founder of the International Academy of Indian Culture, Lahore, and author of the Great English Indian Dictionary of Scientific Terms, will be honoured in Poona, on his appointment by the Government of C. P. and Berar for getting ready scientific terminology and literature in Marathi and Hindi for use in the Nagpur University, on behalf of the various literary, scientific, research and other institutions in Maharashtra on 13th May, 1947 in the Lady Ramabai Hall of the S. P College, under the presidentship of Shree N. C. Kelkar.

GRUESOME MURDER IN CITY

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mrs. Parvathi Bai Dalvani, a former Vice-President of the Delhi Congress Committee, was found brutally murdered at her residence on the fourth floor of a building at G. P. Tank, Bombay, yesterday evening. Jewellery worth about Rs. 2,500 is stated to have been missing from her person. Police investigations have so far failed to trace the culprit who had perpetrated this gruesome murder.

Her husband who is a city businessman, on his return from office yesterday evening found the door of his block locked from outside. Unsuspecting, he waited there for some time thinking that his wife must have gone out somewhere. But as there was no sign of her return even after a long time he grew suspicious and broke open the lock and forced his entry into the room only to find the tragic sight of his wife lying dead in a pool of blood with two stab wounds on her body.

Police enquiries revealed that Mrs. Dalvani engaged a cooly from Musabedevi day before yesterday to do household work as her old servant had left her. This cooly has been missing since yesterday. The Police suspect that he may have committed the offence and decamped with the jewellery.

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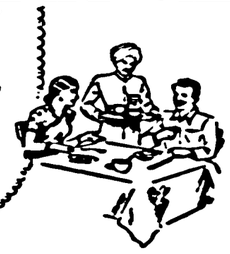
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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The blessedness of giving is not limited to cheques and bank-bills. There are gifts that far transcend these—gifts of patience, sympathy, thought and counsel, and these are gifts that the poorest can give.

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The Bombay Chronicle

DALTON DYNAMITES INTERNATIONAL CREDIT

Britain has just declared, formally through her Chancellor of the Exchequer, that she is unable as well as unwilling to pay in full her war-time debts to her Allies. India is deeply concerned in this declaration and those who have trusted in Britain's pledges will meet with one more disillusionment by this flat refusal from the highest British financial authority to saddle Britain's unborn generations with the burden of her war-time debts. The unilateral decision, however, of the British Government,—we take it, of course, that Dr. Dalton is speaking with the full authority of the British Cabinet,—not to pay in full the debts she had lavishly piled up during the war from those who had trusted her word, is supported by ethical as well as economic casuistry that would do credit to the best of the ancient breed of sophists. On the moral side, Britain claims to have incurred these obligations because she led the fight for freedom against the forces of Nazidom and Fascism. Those, however, who have had some experience of Britain's own imperialist record in the last century or more will find it impossible to subscribe that the last war, or any war in the last two hundred years.—was due exclusively to the machinations of Britain's enemies. Long before Nazism was born, there was resentment against Britain's imperialist domination and economic exploitation,—almost as a monopolist,—of the world and its sources of new wealth. The demand for a "place in the sun" was made not by the Nazis only. And the determination of British imperialists of the Churchill brand to rule the waves and waive the rules of the game had caused heart-burning in not a few places outside their island home. For the exploited and the dominated, there was, of course, no choice but to submit to the process. And if, after having been exploited and looted for a century by every pretext that political power and economic ingenuity could devise, countries, like India are to be told that even the actual sums they have lent to their exploiter will not be paid back in full, that their own shouldering of a heavy part of the burden of British blunders and plunders in other countries will not be taken into account at all and that if they wish to salvage even a crumb from the British table, they had better realise that it will be only a crumb, and, at that, a very meagre one, the cup of despair and distress would overflow. Even the last war was, in no small measure, due to Britain's blunders or rather to the class sympathies of her rulers against the only Power in Europe, a timely alliance with whom would have kept Hitler's hordes in check. Because Britain refused to read the writing on the wall or because Britain hoped to gain if either the Nazi or the Communist destroyed the other, and so postponed to make preparations to meet the Nazi menace while it was yet time, thereby helping herself directly to make the cost of war to herself and her allies what it has been, is it any reason her Allies should be forced to bear the burden of her shortsightedness or miscalculation? They had no say in shaping the policy that brought about the disaster nor had they ever had any share in the benefits of successful imperialism for a century, which had earned for Britain a crop of jealousy all the world over, that could not but end in a conflagration. Why, then, should these unfortunate allies, victims of Britain's cupidity or duplicity, be asked to share in the burdens of the war, for the benefit of Britain's still unextinguished imperialism?

The economic argument is even less substantial. Britain is strong, says Dr. Dalton. But one index of her strength is that she must dictate her own terms to her creditors. The learned doctor makes her the sole judge of what she will pay of her debts, regardless of what she had promised to pay. In a private individual, this would be an act of unmitigated bankruptcy; but the Chancellor seems to think it the logic of economics. What a travesty of either! That Britain's resources are depleted and her earning capacity reduced, may be conceded. But the creditor may well reply the depletion is due to no advantage or benefit given to him. Britain's need for rehabilitation and reconstruction may likewise be conceded, as also her concern for her international balance of accounts. But even here, her creditor would be well within his rights if he urges that Britain has no right to maintain one of the highest standards of living in the world for her people, at the cost of other people. She cannot in reason or justice, increase her own sense of national as well as individual security, and keep up an elaborate system of social services of the highest order at a time other people, her creditors, cannot carry out the most urgent plans of their own national development. The problem for Britain is to regain her place in the economic race; the problem for countries like India is to begin the very foundation of a sound economic life and a just social system. Why should the building of our very foundation be held up, while Britain recovers at our cost her lost place in the race? She has, even today, the second highest standard of living in the country; we have the lowest of all civilised nations. Yet we must forego any hope of progress and development if Britain will not,—as she now openly declares she will not,—pay our dues in full. The only fault of her creditors, who would suffer from this barefaced bankruptcy was that they trusted too much in the word of Britain and insisted on no more substantial pledges in her hour of need. But even that cannot be urged against India; for we had no national Government of our own who would have taken care of our interests against British cajolery or coercion. We are helpless; and Britain has no sense of chivalry, not to take advantage of the helpless.

Though addressed directly to Brazil, the Dalton declaration is aimed at more helpless countries like India. And the moment is truly psychological. Under the terms of the Dollar Loan, Britain must settle her obligations under the sterling balances before next June. It does not affect countries like America who can get their pound of flesh whenever they like. For countries like Argentine the prospect is not so hopeless, since they have assets of Britain in their possession, which, in the last instance, can be retained and set off against their claims. But for creditors like India, who have taken no other security but Britain's word, no other pledge save Britain's sense of justice, no safeguards, save Britain's own appreciation of repercussions, the settlement of sterling balances becomes a mockery after this unilateral declaration of British bankruptcy. Besides, one of the conditions in the Cabinet Delegation's statement regarding the transfer of power to the Indian people is the conclusion of a Trade Treaty with Britain before the transfer can be final. Now, it is not beyond the range of possibility that, notwithstanding the Prime Minister's declaration of February 20, fixing the final date for relinquishment of power, Britain may yet offer a demurrer, if we do not agree to her dictation on the question of the sterling balances. We have not even Hobson's choice left in the matter. It may, therefore, not be utterly impolitic for the Interim Government to declare that no useful purpose will be served by sending a costly delegation to discuss this question, if the British Government has already made up its mind that it will not pay its debt to India in full, even if it pays it at all.

Frankly Speaking

Senator Langer's Efforts

Some time ago the United States Congress enacted into law the Indian Immigration Bill under which 100 Indian immigrants desiring eventual naturalisation could enter the United States every year. Since then, the U. S. Senator, Mr. William Langer has been trying to extend the concession to every Indian residing in the United States. To this end he introduced a Bill on January 16, 1945,—actually it was first introduced by him in December, 1943 but nothing came of it then. It has now been taken a considerable step forward with a favourable hearing in the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. This Committee finally determined on April 17 last that "any native of India who has lived in this country for at least five years and is a law-abiding and loyal person with a good moral character may file intention or declaration to become naturalised." The Bill has yet to pass a number of more important stages involving quite a long period of time before it can become law. But, in the meantime, India must and does profoundly appreciate Mr. Langer's friendliness towards the people of this country and his persistent efforts to get the Bill through. In this connection it is worthwhile noting that Senator Langer pays a tribute to the work of Dr. Mubarak Ali Khan, General Secretary of the All-India Muslim League of America and National President of the India Welfare League, on whose suggestion Senator Langer took up the cause of Indians. We gladly agree with Senator Langer that Dr. Khan deserves the commendation of his country for his work.

Arab Rights Vindicated

No one except Zionists, rabid pro-Zionists and those who seek to make of the Palestine issue an instrument of their own power politics could deny that it was intolerably outrageous of the United Nations plenary session to ignore the Arab Higher Committee while specifically recognising the Jewish Agency of Palestine. And deliberately to leave the question of inviting the Arabs to the Political Committee, was adding insult to injury. In the circumstances the Arab Higher Committee could not, with any self-respect do any thing else than declare the boycott of the Committee. That seems to have opened the eyes of the Committee and the Assembly. And we are glad that Mr. Asaf Ali insisted upon a revision of the earlier decision by the plenary session itself. The Assembly has now eaten its words and we hope now that the Arab Higher Committee has successfully vindicated its dignity and its right it will accept the invitation to appear before the Political Committee.

Feeling The Pinch

In a speech the other evening, Mr. J. W. Mushet, the South African Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, said that as a result of negotiations the chances were that the Agent-General for India would be returning to South Africa. Mr. Mushet, we are glad, to note, was quite frank about it. He plainly confessed that economically South Africa was feeling the pinch over the trouble with the Indian Government and that Field-Marshal Smuts had been approached time and again with a view to getting better relations with India. This is another round for India. But let it be noted that it is the material pinch to which the Union Government is yielding. The great humanitarian and ethical philosopher General Smuts has shown no disposition yet to yield to the moral or racial issue. And he still continues to ignore the United Nations Charter. India cannot afford to relax in the determination to vindicate the rights of Indians in South Africa.

Indonesia And The Dutch

Imperialism dies hard and suspicions of Dutch *bona fides* are being proved right. All is not at all well with relations between the Dutch and the Indonesian Republic. The interview, which Dr. Sultan Sjahrir has given to the Associated Press of America, constitutes a serious charge sheet against the Dutch Government and the local authorities. The Dutch are increasing the strength of their forces in Indonesia instead of reducing them. They are trying their malicious worst to split the country into a whole lot of independent units thereby gravely weakening its very future, political and economic. The latest instance is the rise of a Sundanese separatist movement and the setting up of a "State of Sunda" under the direct auspices of the Dutch authorities in Bandoeng. All this means that the Dutch are honouring their agreement with the Republic neither in letter nor in spirit. The Dutch Premier is now in Indonesia. If he is wise he will effect a radical change in Dutch policy and behaviour. For, one thing is certain. The present tactics, however harmful to Indonesia, will not benefit Dutch Imperialism or help it to return.

A Plan For Self-Defence

(By Nayan H. Pandia)

The Home Guard movement is to be seen in three aspects: helping maintenance of peace and order in the City in time of emergency; physical training and health of the individual; and national defence. In fact, it is a part of a larger scheme envisaging universal training. Those interested on the object may well take note of the National Defence system recently presented by experts, to the U.S.A. Under this system, all physically and mentally fit young men between 18 and 20, would spend six months in special training units. At the end of the six months, they could choose either to return to normal civilian pursuits or to continue another six months of intensive and specialised military education, or they could select any one of eight alternative programmes. These would include enlistment in the regular services, in the National Guard or in the Enlisted Reserve Corps.

The training units would not be parts of the armed services; they will not be available for combat or other operational requirements which may arise during peace; and upon completion of training; except for those who voluntarily enlist in one of the reserve components for training and service, they will revert to full civilian status; they would be subject to "a specially drawn Code of Conduct" adopted to their youth and circumstances; and the non-military phases of their training would be supervised by a civilian advisory board appointed by the President. Civil Courts will deal with any serious offences. They would be given as much choice as possible as to the service and arm in which they would train. Their military instructors would be carefully selected, and a general "informational programme" would be offered, both on an off-duty and an on-duty basis.

All training programmes would be based on a forty hour week in which a minimum of six hours would be devoted to physical education, with two afternoons scheduled for recreational activities every week.

The Government would provide college scholarships and fellowships for a limited number of promising trainees, and would foot the bill for the advanced technical training. Trainees would receive no pay, but would get a monthly allowance sufficient for purchase of necessities and incidentals not otherwise furnished.

As pointed out by the "New York Times" (Oct. 3, 1946), the exigencies of the present world situation, plus the lessons of history, now make it necessary to accept the principle of universal military training. If we admit the obligation of the citizen to defend his country, we admit also his obligation to train himself to defend it adequately. This is even an obligation to himself, for it is the untrained soldier who suffers the heaviest casualties.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MAHATMA GANDHI

"Freedom Is Not Worth Having If It Means Fragmentation Of Our Motherland Into So Many Pakistans And Hindustans"

Most respected Mahatmaji,

As the undisputed leader of the army of freedom which has battled against foreign rule, the statement of the British Government of 20th February to quit power in India by June 1948 is a personal triumph for you, your policy of non-violence and for your followers amongst whom are millions and millions of Indians of all shades of opinion and belonging to all the communities.

Sowing Seeds Of Strife

When the announcement of Cripps Mission and later that of the Cabinet Mission was made I, as an average Indian citizen, felt taller and broader. The signs of dawn of freedom infused me with new life and a hope that as a free man I would now have the opportunity of shaping the future destiny of my country and making it big and great. But alas! my optimism did not last very long. As political negotiations got more and more protracted my enthusiasm was damped more and more till the present moment when, looking at the shape of things to come, the birth pangs of freedom do not gladden my heart as they should. Instead there is a feeling of frustration and despair at the turn the political events are taking from day to day. Even the Congress High Command has been obliged by the force of circumstances to agree to the partition of India. On the other side, does an average intelligent Muslim, who argues to himself dispassionately, favour the idea of a Pakistan and all that it implies? The answer cannot be otherwise than a feeling of uncertainly and optimism divided equally by pessimism. A pro-Congress and a pro-Muslim Leaguer will admit equally that mistakes have been made on both sides, nay Himalayan blunders committed which have led to the present position of the two major communities 'vis a vis' the verdict of the British Government on our future fate in a few days. The British are as anxious as the Congress to maintain the unity of India, perhaps, primarily in their own wider interests. But going through the facts of the case as it stands today, there cannot be any other award than the partition of the country not into a Pakistan and a Hindustan but its fragmentation into so many Pakistans and so many Hindustans with no peace, no progress and no prosperity but sowing of seeds of eternal strife worse than any other time before. Will freedom be worth having under these circumstances?

Prevent The Catastrophe

To you, a war veteran of so many battles for freedom in South Africa and in India, the premier citizen of our homeland, loved and trusted by all castes and creeds, may I, as an average citizen, appeal to prevent this catastrophe? Taking into consideration the best and eventual interests of both Hindus and Muslims alike, political strategy demands that the British Government must not be forced into giving a decision at the present moment when the time is short and the tempers on both sides high with common sense reasoning occupying a back place. If you were to appeal to Mr. Attlee in your personal capacity to cry halt to any further political discussions on the basis of quitting power by June 1948 and at the same time convince the Congress to slow the tempo of transfer of power to what was recommended a few years ago by the National Liberal Federation you will be doing a service to your country which will be a crowning glory to your unparalleled career and posterity will remember you for ever as a man of foresight and sound common sense.

Every province should enjoy complete autonomy in its internal affairs. The central authority should, however, rest in the hands of the Governor-General-in-Council, the members of which should be all Indians of outstanding ability rather than of any party alignment. This administration should function for a period of five years during which the head of the State should be guided by the majority vote and possess no power of veto. If the Hindu and Muslim members should not be able to pull as a team they should be replaced by members of Christian, Parsi and other minority communities. Gradual elimination of all British officials and other ranks both from the civil and the military departments should be completed during this time. Law and Order should however, be the personal responsibility of the Governor-General and to enforce it he should have an adequate force of Gurkha troops incorporated in the future Indian Army. The situation should be reviewed at the end of five years and if the gulf between the two major communities has been bridged by this time peaceful transfer of power should take place. If, unfortunately, such is not the state of affairs the Governor General should remain the custodian of power in word and act till such time that a settlement has been arrived at.

Retreat Without Dishonour

I know it is a backward step but then an able general retreats without dishonour when the force of circumstances demands it. He advances again at the right moment. To prevent fragmentation of the country this step backwards is not too great a sacrifice. Let us go forward by evolution rather than by revolution to the end result of which nobody can foretell.

You are the only person in this country who, if his inner voice directs him, is capable of brushing aside all sense of pride or prestige in the interest of most vital issues involved. I offer you my homage and place this viewpoint at your feet fortified with the conviction that there are millions of my countrymen who will approve of any step taken by you in this direction and offer silent prayers for its success.

AN INDIAN CITIZEN.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Sane Guruji's Fast

Sir,—The temple authorities of Pandharpur Vithoba are adamant and they may not open the doors for Harijans unless they are compelled to do so.

Gandhiji has wired to Guruji to stop the fast and Bombay Government have requested him to abandon his fast in view of the impending legislation of temple Entry Bill. But Sri Sane Guruji has resolved to continue his fast. Sri Guruji does not want to open the temples by legislation or by force. He wants to get them open by love. Now the public cannot close their eyes and sit.

The public of Bombay Presidency have given full support to Sane Guruji in his temple entry campaign. A hundred thousand of people heard him in hundreds of meetings all over the province. What response are the public going to give to Guruji's fast? Under the existing circumstances neither the temple authorities, nor the Government of Bombay nor any individual can save Guruji's life. It is the public alone who can save him. How to save him? Start on propaganda of boycott of the temple by all Hindus. Nobody should go to Pandharpur and have "darshan" of Vithobas. Request all the people and explain the state of affairs and tell them to compel the temple authorities that unless Harijans are allowed in the temple no man would visit the temple. I, therefore, request all the lovers of Sane Guruji and other public to start this propaganda amongst the pilgrims. The public must take this question immediately and save the life of our Guruji.

V. V. SUBBA RAO.

India's Vitamin Wealth

Sir,—India abounds in material that contain various vitamins. One such is "Myrobolans" "Emblica Officinalis" (Nellikkai in Tamil). These fruits contain quantities of Vitamin "C"—a valuable protective food. During the second World War the Nutrition Research Laboratories at Coonoor (South India) were manufacturing tablets from these fruits for the use of the military. At that time the utilization of these fruits was so much that in certain places there occurred a famine of the local fruit. I have used these tablets with profit. As its need for military purposes is now non-existent its manufacture has been stopped at Coonoor. Our doctors now prescribe Vitamin "C" as medicine in the form of very costly imported material like "Redoxon." It is a pity that the utilization of one of our indigenous products has thus come to an abrupt end.

(SIR) T. S. VENKATRAMAN.

Doctors And Telephones

Sir,—The medical profession in Bombay has suffered more than any other profession as regards the "telephone service since the time that it has been taken over by the Government of India. Being a public utility service the main object must have been to make this service more useful to the public. All that has been done so far is to find ways and means to get more money into the treasury and search plausible excuses for not supplying new telephones where they are needed and for giving a thoroughly bad service where a telephone has been already provided.

The old telephone company supplied this service to a medical man at a cost of Rs. 180, published his name in the medical list as well as in the general list of the subscribers in their directory and also published the qualifications of the doctor free of charge. The medical list was inserted as it was more useful to the general public so as to help them to find out the name of a doctor in emergencies.

The Government is now charging us Rs. 420. The insertion of names is made under the list of doctors with omission of their qualification thus making it difficult for the public to identify the name they want. Not only this, but the names of registered and non-registered medical men have been put in the same list. There are several doctors with the same name. This leads to great difficulty and costs extra trouble and money in case of a person who calls from a message rate telephone number. No doubt it brings an extra sum of money in the pockets of Government. The present authorities are less humane in their considerations about the feelings of a person who is making such a wrong call on behalf of a seriously ill relation or a friend.

The old telephone company always gave good dividends with all the facilities and yet they charged us only Rs. 180 per year.

The telephone authorities are not satisfied with their charge of Rs. 420 for a poor service, but now they have received a new brain wave to extract more money in the way of contribution of Rs. 20 to a private firm who will print the doctors' names and qualifications on blue papers as the old Company used to do which will be attached in the Government telephone directory at a small cost.

Why does the Government not directly ask us this extra twenty rupees for insertion of our names in a separate list of doctors and keep this extra money itself? This circular from the telephone department advertising the services of a private concern is certainly not for the benefit of medical men. The Bombay Medical Council is within its powers to ask any medical man an explanation for thus advertising his name by payment of any sum for inserting his name in a public directory which it tentamount to an advertisement and constitutes a breach of medical ethics.

—Yours, etc.

S. B. GADGIL, F.F.C.S. (Eng.)
President, Bombay Medical Union.

New University Courses

Sir,—The Bombay University is going to introduce new curriculum for colleges from next year, i.e., 1947-48. The old courses for Arts classes are revised and there are going to be changes. Some changes are also introduced for Science classes. I am not out to criticise the efficiency and intelligence of the authorities; but I think there won't be anything wrong if I try to draw their attention to one thing, namely the publication of the new courses. Is not public opinion or criticism, stimulation to the progress of a country?

I still wonder why this idea of bringing the new courses to the notice of the public did not occur to the authorities of the Bombay University! Is it because the B.U. does not care for the students as it has got a huge number of students and as its standard is fairly higher than other Indian Universities? or is it because the authorities think that they don't require the public opinion as they themselves represent the public?—Is this democracy?

Well, if the B.U. authorities don't want to bring the new curriculum to public notice, they should at least care to see that it (new curriculum) comes to the notice of their students. Will it not be suitable to print pamphlets for this purpose?—Yours, etc.

NARENDRA C. KAPADIA.

Ration Shops & Cooperative Organizations

Sir,—The decision of Government to replace the existing management carried on by private traders of ration shops by that of co-operative institutions is not calculated to promote the interest of the consumers and the public, particularly in the mofussil areas where even in co-operative institutions vested interests reign supreme. The vested interests, as experience shows run such shops in absolute disregard of customers. The employees of such organisations having their interests centered only on the wages they receive from the management do not look to the convenience of the people, who go to their shops for rations but do their day's work in the shop in the most mechanical manner, and who are more prone to protect the vested interests and dance attendence on the officials who control such institutions. Co-operative institutions in Karwar taluka were, in the initial stage of the rationing scheme, discouraged by the Co-operative Department from taking over the management of the ration shops for fear that such institutions would deviate from the primary object for which institutions which are now running the ration shops in Karwar, to judge from the Government records themselves, are far from being efficiently managed. One had actually put in a letter withdrawing from the field and the other was on the verge of being deprived of its authorisation to run the ration shop.

When such a state of affairs exists in regard to the management of ration shops by co-operative institutions there is absolutely no justification for the Government to seek to oust the present private traders, especially those who have proved themselves efficient in this work and against whom Government official have nothing to say, from this field of managing the ration shops and replace them by co-operative organizations. Moreover, it has been the experience of the public that they are meted out better treatment and their needs and conveniences are better looked after by private traders, of course within the confines and limitations imposed on them by Government, that the mechanical management of such co-operative institutions. The co-operative institutions are such in name only whose working is not motivated by the real co-operative spirit which essentially means harmony co-operation and goodwill with the general public, and none who knows the working of such institutions in the Province would vote for them in preference to honest hardworking and general private traders.

A Ration Card Holder
Karwar April 28

Vanaspati

Sir,—In your issue of April 26 1947. You have published a letter of a Parsi Vegetarian on Vanaspati ghee. This letter does not expound a single point in favour of use of Vanaspati for human consumption. It is wide of mark. But this sort of letters are likely to create misunderstanding in the mind of public and so it has to be replied.

It is apparent this Parsi Vegetarian friend is consumer of vegetable ghee. Effect of this spurious ghee is visible on him. First he states that "very few are aware of poverty of vitamins in Indian milk" and he goes on and sugests that "If ten per cent of milk be amalgamated in our Vanaspati by law the objection on the score of vitamins will have disappeared". Sir, this is indigestible vegetable ghee to me. May I refer this gentleman and others to study the article 'Spotlight on Vanaspati' appearing in the "Bombay Chronicle Weekly" of April 6, 1947.

I have been regularly reading the various letters and articles appearing in the "Bombay Chronicle" and the "Times of India" including the costly advt. inserted by the Vanaspati Manufacturers' Association. They look like propaganda, to take you away from the subject avoiding to answer the main points of the dispute. None of them answer the question why should you use this imitation stuff. In what way Vanaspati is more nutritious than pure or refined oils. The recent researches in science have proved that pure oil is more nutritious and digestible than refined one on account of portion of oil cake being present in it. What we used to regard as dirt and unclean thing is now essential for maintaining one's health. If the Hydrogenated Vanaspati is not more nutritious than refined oils then why waste energy, money and risk the health of the nation?

This Hydrogenated ghee fills the coffers of its manufacturers and ghee adulterers at the cost health and money of the poor people.

I would like to ask the manufacturers and propagandist of Vanaspati, will they take a solemn vow to give up their costly fruit and milk portion of diet and Live on Roti, Dal, Bhat and Shak prepared only with their Hydrogenated stuff?

P. MEHTA

Division Of Provinces

Sir—Today there are published statements for the divisions of the provinces by different leaders. The Congress and Sabha leaders are speaking about the Muslims and so they when dividing the Provinces will forget the most important fact that even if Mr. Jinnah claims upon himself to speak for all Muslims the others while speaking about the Muslims should state that the provinces should be divided only for Muslim League Followers and non-followers Muslims and the rest will have their own choice. This should be clearly stated because nationalist Muslims, and other non-Muslims should not be thrown to the wolf of the "League". This is very urgent for clear understanding.

"NATIONALIST."

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

BATAVIA, May 8 (APA).—Premier Sultan Sharirar of the Indonesian Republic said in an interview yesterday that the political atmosphere between the Netherlands and the Indonesian Republic had not improved since the signature of the Cheribon Agreement and "unless there is a sudden change in the Dutch attitude I am not optimistic."

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"Our fight (in the Frontier Province) is not", says Mr Jinnah in his latest statement, "against the Hindus or Sikhs....."

After which there is no reason for the Hindus or Sikhs of, say Dera Ismail Khan to feel otherwise.

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Explaining authoritatively the origin of the present distur—sorry, the present civil disobedience movement Mr Jinnah asserts that "the victimisation, persecution, suppression and oppression on the part of the Government knew no limits."

What, ALL those "ions?"

By the way, where was Caroe? Beyond the limits?

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"It is quite obvious," Mr. Jinnah points out, "that the meaning of direct action, which is attributed to us maliciously, namely, that it is based on the principle of force violence and bloodshed, is without any foundation and is absolutely untrue."

Quite. In fact, the Noons, Ghaznavis, Ghaznafar Alis, Suhrawardys, etc., etc., never orated at all.

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But the last sentence in Mr Jinnah's statement, we have been able to understand "When the final announcement (by H.M.G.) has been made it will be entirely for us and we will be free to decide as to what course of action we should adopt."

Er—could we have a cla.. ..?

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Comrade Palme Du.. pr.. ..that Communists in Britain would do all in their power to prevent "imperialistic plans for dismemberment of India."

We protest most strongly against the insinuation that those who insist upon the splitting up of India into Pakistan, Hindustan Rajastan Travancoristan, etc., are imperialists.

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On his return from a meeting with the Punjab Governor at which he received a written reply from the latter, the Khan of Mamdot said: "I wanted a reply to my letter written to him a few days ago. Despite reminders I had not received it."

Which recalls to mind the experience Malik Khizr Hyat had to undergo a couple of years back. And we wonder if Sir Evan Jenkins is similarly in for something like it.

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Sir Syyad Abdur Rahman's Sudanese Umma Party which wants independence from both Britain and Egypt has asked that its case should also be heard by the Security Council along with that of Egypt.

The case being in fact, "Divide and Quit."

INDIA NOT INTERESTED IN U. S. FINANCIAL AID

WASHINGTON May 7 (UPA) Secretary of State Marshall, replying to a question during his press conference to-day said the United States had received no request from India or Egypt for financial assistance.

Hockey

INDIANS BEAT KANDY TEAM

COLOMBO, May 8 (API): The Indian Hockey Federation team scored an easy six to nil victory over Kandy team at Asgiriya last evening.

Thanks to the local goalie Outschoor, who saved three certain goals, the margin was not bigger.

Though the ground was unsuitable for hockey, Indians treated the large crowd of spectators to a thrilling display a marvellous stick work and ball control.

The scores were Jamshed 3, Babu 2, Mahmud 1.

The Indian team is leaving for Madras by air on May 11 after playing another match to-morrow in Colombo.

TEL AVIV SHOPS SET ON FIRE

Terrorist Retaliation For Failure To Pay Irgun "Levy"

JERUSALEM, May 8 (APA).—Jewish terrorists set three textiles shops on fire with incendiary bombs in Tel Aviv today, causing extensive damage, it was officially announced.

The announcement said that in each instance four armed Jews entered the shop, ordered the proprietor to leave and then set off the incendiary bomb.

Private sources said that the attacks probably were made in retaliation for failure to pay the Irgun Zvai Leumi "levy."

Earlier, the public information building in Tel Aviv was evacuated for more than an hour, after a telephone warning that the structure was mined. The building was reoccupied after a search failed to reveal any mines.

PALESTINE COMMISSIONER TO INVESTIGATE ACRE INCIDENT

JERUSALEM, May 8 (Reuter).—Lt.-General Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner for Palestine, flew to Acre, Northern Palestine, today for personal investigation at the Acre Prison from which 216 Arab and Jewish prisoners made a mass escape last Sunday with the assistance of terrorist raiders.

Twenty-one Jewish terrorists and 167 Arabs were still at large today.

COMMONS BREAK RECORD

LONDON, May 8 (Reuter).—Weary, unshaven and bleary-eyed, members of Parliament left the British House of Commons just before 10 (G.M.T.) this morning, having celebrated the second anniversary of the V-J day by beating this Parliament's record for the longest sitting.

They met at 12-30 p.m. (G.M.T.) yesterday and spent 21 hours discussing the Conscription Bill.

COMMONS TO DEBATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS NEXT THURSDAY

LONDON, May 8 (UPA).—Mr. Herbert Morrison, Government leader in the House, announced today that the Commons will debate foreign affairs next Thursday and Friday.

During the debate Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin will give his report to the country on the Moscow Conference.

ANGLO-POLISH TRADE PACT

LONDON, May 8 (UPA).—Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, announced tonight the details of a three-year £35,000,000 provisional trade agreement with Poland.

In an official report circulated in the Commons he reported that Poland has agreed provisionally to order from United Kingdom traders wool, rubber, tin and other raw materials worth £20,000,000 and machinery and other capital goods worth £15,000,000.

In exchange, he said, Poland plans provisionally to ship Britain foodstuffs, China, textiles and furniture worth £23,000,000.

SIMLA'S RECEPTION TO NEHRU

SIMLA, May 8 (API): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Vice-President in the Interim Government arrived at the Viceregal Lodge, Simla at 9-25 this morning travelling in the Viceroy's car from Kalka.

He was given a rousing reception by Akali Sikhs, Desh Sevikas and a large crowd.

Pandit Nehru was accorded a welcome at Dharampur, Solan and Kandaghat.

News In Brief

CAWNPORE, May 8 (API). The Ordnance Establishments in the town reopened today when the employees, who were on strike since April 14, resumed work.

LONDON, May 8 (UPA). H. Gordon Selfridge, founder and head of Selfridge and Company and former member of Marshall Field of Chicago, died today.

JERUSALEM, May 7 (Reuter). Billy Heimuth Assistant Manager of the Government Printing Works here, died tonight after having been shot through the eye by unknown gunmen at a cafe.

PARIS, May 8 (Reuter). France was today threatened with breadshortage owing to a strike for higher wages among 340 workers of an important Yeast factory in the Paris region which supplies 30 per cent of the Paris bakeries and 22 per cent of all the bakeries in France.

BOMBAY, May 8 (API.) The Hon'ble Mr. C. H. Bhabha, Member for Works, Mines and Powers, Government of India left for Delhi by Punjab Mail today.

HAMBURG, May 8 (Reuter). Trade Union leaders decided at a special meeting here today to call a general strike of 500,000 Hamburg workers at noon tomorrow as a protest against the food shortage.

TAMBARAM, (MADRAS) May 8 (API.) The first intake of nearly 200 airmen of the Royal Indian Air Force has just arrived at the new technical training centre at R.A.F. station at Tambaram.

'Fascist Bluff And Civilised Piracy'

Subedar Surprised At Attlee's Toeing Tory Line In Demand For Scaling Down Sterling Debt

BOMBAY, May 8 (API).—"Dr. Dalton has completely misfired his shot if his remarks on Sterling balances are addressed to India", said Mr. Manu Subedar, M.L.A. (Central) in an interview today.

He added: "It is claimed these are not ordinary commercial debts but I maintain that they are more sacred and are of the nature of trust funds, because India never gave this money voluntarily. Britain used her political power in India to take goods and services, which were actually needed for the population, at controlled prices and it would be immoral and dishonest to suggest that these compulsory accumulations should be repudiated.

TEARFUL PLEA CARRIES NO CONVICTION

"The tearful plea of Britain's inability to pay carries no conviction. Britain's economy is sounder than that of any other European country. India's net dues from Britain represent her only one year's export trade. They are only a third of the total annual income of the British Treasury. Britain manufactured a million and quarter tons of shipping last year. For a country whose economic recovery has been so rapid and whose resources are so extensive the use of the words 'unjust' and 'unbearable' (if they were used with reference to India) is not only morally indefensible but is calculated to weaken those ties between a Free India and Britain which it is the objective of all good Englishmen and Indians to establish.

"I do not understand, why the Socialist Chancellor of Britain has suddenly veered round to the die-hard views held by Mr. Churchill and Sir John Anderson. It would be most shortsighted if the attitude hitherto taken up by irresponsible imperialist bullies of the Opposition and by kite-fliers in the press is adopted officially. Injury to India in this matter will never be forgiven by any section of the Indian population however much they may differ from each other on domestic issues."

THIS MEAN REPUDIATION

Referring to the reported attempt to extend repayment over 50 years or "what this poor country was made to give in five years" and the "threat of blocking, scaling down or offering half per cent interest", Mr. Subedar says they are all of the same order and in effect mean repudiation.

"India will not be altogether powerless to hit back and the permanent interest of the United Kingdom in this part of the world would suffer heavily through this kind of Fascist bluff and civilised piracy."

Concluding, Mr. Subedar says: "Having delayed these negotiations unnecessarily so far, it is not a good augury to open them in the atmosphere created by Dr. Dalton's bombshell which will shatter the foundation of Indo-British relationship. There must be decent behaviour between one country and another, and the plea of misery from the second richest country and another, and the plea of misery from the second richest country in the world to the poorest nation whose economic and political life has been hitherto tied up with the United Kingdom, is altogether mistimed."

Indian Chambers' Federation Protests Against Scaling Down

BOMBAY, May 8 (API).—The Committee of the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry today considered Dr. Hugh Dalton's statement regarding the scaling down of Sterling Balances and decided to represent to the Finance Minister, Government of India, stating that the Committee considered it imperative that the Government of India should uniquivocally make it known to His Majesty's Government that it would not be a party to entertain any proposal for scaling down of Sterling Balances.

The Committee also considered the question of State Trading and new system of regulating exports of certain commodities like certain oils and oilseeds, crushed bones and bone grists and soap and decided to protest emphatically against it.

'MAKE LEND-LEASE OF STERLING DEBTS'

Churchill Backs Dalton In Demand For Scaling Down Dues

LONDON, May 8 (Reuter).—Complete agreement with Dr. Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in his demand for a revision of Britain's war debts was expressed by Mr. Winston Churchill when he received the Freedom of the Borough of Darlington at a ceremony in London today.

"I was extremely glad to hear the Chancellor of the Exchequer say that he was going to raise the question of why Britain should be the only debtor country in the world, while those she had rescued and those she had conquered went into the future without having to drag the terrible chain of war debts behind them," Mr. Churchill said. "When I consider how we have defended and rescued these countries, I certainly feel that the question of settlement of these war obligations which are quite different from commercial transaction should be brought into the general line of Lend-Lease, that great idea of President Roosevelt's most unsordid act which history records whereby all in this war together share the sufferings and burdens and go equally into the sunlight at the end."

SUBEDAR TO ACCOMPANY LIAQUAT

NEW DELHI, May 8 (UPI): It is learnt that Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Finance Member in the Interim Government with Mr. A. C. Turner and Mr. Narahari Rao, Secretary and Joint Secretary respectively of the Finance Department, would be leaving for London by June 10 next to participate in the discussions at a 'high ministerial level' regarding the settlement of the issue of the sterling balances.

Enquiries by the United Press of India reveal that Mr. Manu Subedar, member of the Central Assembly and financial expert of Bombay is likely to be invited to proceed to London to assist Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan in this difficult negotiations.

When Sterling Talks Will Begin

LONDON, May 8 (Reuter): British officials said here to-day that though they still hoped that the Anglo-Indian Sterling Balance talks could start early in June, no definite date had been fixed and postponement would be easy if the Indian delegation wished it. Authoritative quarters said that the talks may not start until the middle of June.

NO DATE LINE?

At one time officials here hoped to conclude all Sterling Balance talks by July 15, the date by which all countries' current sterling earnings must become convertible into dollars under the Anglo-American loan agreement. This was more for the sake of "tidiness" than for any other reason however, since the loan agreement contained no definite date by which the Sterling Balances must be settled. The agreement only stated that Britain should make every effort to settle them "at an early date." If, therefore, the Indian balances are not settled by the middle of July, no harm will be done, officials here point out.

DOES U. S. WANT SCALING DOWN?

WASHINGTON, May 8 (Reuter):—The United States Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. John C. Snyder, made a statement to-day on the United States' position regarding the proposal made by the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Dr. Hugh Dalton, for the scaling down of Britain's war debts.

Mr. Snyder's statement was interpreted here as meaning that the United States wishes to preserve a non-commital attitude towards the negotiations by Britain with such creditor nations as India and Egypt which are expected to begin next month.

At his weekly press conference yesterday, Mr. Snyder stated that the United States "supported the thesis that they (the British) should negotiate with the creditor countries and make settlements." Referring to the negotiations of the United States loan to Britain, he added: "We did not discuss how they should do it."

INACCURATE REPORT

Mr. Snyder was inaccurately reported by a United States News Agency to have said that the United States supported the thesis but that there should be a scaling down of the British debts and this caused considerable comment in diplomatic circles here to-day.

Mr. Snyder issued an emphatic denial that he had made any such suggestion or recommendation. He said to-day: "In the settling of debts between the parties, a settlement can cover agreed maturities, methods of payment, means of payment and rates of interest etc. Such settlements may or may not include a scaling down of the debt."

The non-commital attitude being taken by Mr. Snyder has caused some confusion in diplomatic circles here, as it has been assumed that in course of the discussions during the negotiation of the loan agreement in 1945, the United States was definitely in favour of Britain's debts to other creditor nations being scaled down.

DELHI OFFICIALS SILENT ON DALTON'S STATEMENT

NEW DELHI, May 8 (API): Official circles in New Delhi declined to-day to comment on the statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Dr. Hugh Dalton regarding the scaling down of sterling balances. There is no reason however, to believe that the Government of India have resiled from their position as stated by the Finance Member, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, that no suggestion for scaling down of India's sterling balances would be considered by the Government of India.

In this connection London reports that negotiations regarding India's sterling balances are to take place in London in June are not confirmed. It is learnt that in the present political situation no date has as yet been fixed, and is not likely to be fixed until a clear idea of constitutional developments is available.

C.R. TO TOUR MADRAS

MADRAS, May 8 (API).—A four day tour in Tamilnad has been undertaken by Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Member for Industries and Supply, who arrived here today.

Leaving Madras tomorrow night he will visit Trichinopoly, Srirangam, Madura and Coimbatore where he will address public meetings and meet representatives of Labour and trade organisations. While at Coimbatore on May 13, he will motor to Ootacamand presumably to interview the Madras Governor.

The Madras Corporation will accord a civic reception to Mr. Rajagopalachari and Dr. Rajendra Prasad on May 10 when both the leaders are expected to be present in the city.

CABINET TO BACK VICEROY

India's Defence, A Major Problem To Ismay?

LONDON, May 8 (UPI): There is not a sharp difference of opinion now about the question of division of India and division of some of the Provinces of India. The only issue that is causing great headache to the British Cabinet at this moment is defence.

These remarks made by an authoritative spokesman of the British Government to the "United Press of India" representative this morning indicate the nature of discussions now being held by Lord Ismay, Principal of the Viceroy's Staff, with the British Cabinet in London.

The spokesman pointed out that Lord Mountbatten was all-powerful and the Cabinet had fullest confidence in him. Lord Ismay's mission was, he said, limited to reported facts and elucidating ideas and inclinations of Lord Mountbatten. All that was expected from the British Cabinet Committee which consisted of Premier Attlee, Sir Stafford Cripps, Mr. Alexander and Lord Listowel was some general guidance to the Viceroy though Lord Ismay had pressed to them the vital urgency of a decision. According to the spokesman, a decision should be reached in India by the Indian parties and the Viceroy.

Lord Ismay is putting a good many hours in the India Office studying and discussing various aspects of the defence issues. Field-Marshal Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief, India, has also been a frequent visitor to the India Office and contrary to reports, he has taken part in the discussions with the officials there. The India Office officials are very reticent to talk about defence problem which appear to be the main issue at the moment, but according to some of them, Lord Lord Ismay's report stresses, among other things, that the Viceroy's main headache is to create some sort of stability in the situations so that talks with leaders can develop in a calm atmosphere.

JINNAH'S 'ASSURANCES' TO BRITAIN

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out of India and the Near and Middle East within two years.

ATTLEE MEETS INDIA EXPERTS

LONDON, May 8 (Reuter): Prime Minister Clement Attlee to-night called a further meeting of India experts of the Cabinet with General Lord Ismay and his colleagues.

As at last night's meeting the proceedings were strictly private and no official indication was given as to what transpired.

The general belief in political quarters is that the British Government's silence is unlikely to be broken until after the mission returns to New Delhi with the Cabinet's reactions to the Viceroy's report, cables Fraser Wighton, Reuter's Political Correspondent.

CATLIN ON CHOICE BEFORE INDIA

SHANGHAI, May 8 (Reuter): The British Political Writer Prof. George Catlin who is visiting China as the guest of the Chinese Government said to-day that he advocated "A strong China and a fully Independent India."

He said that to give freedom to India had been the right moral thing to do, and added, "when India pauses to think calmly and soberly after getting her freedom, she will realise the benefits of close association with the Anglo-Saxon powers."

"MOST POWERFUL BODY IN ARAB LEAGUE"

LONDON, May 8 (Reuter): The prospect of separate Hindu and Muslim armies in India has evidently raised new issues of interest well beyond the Frontier of India herself, says the left-wing weekly "Tribune" in its current issue.

"Muslim India with its own army might become the most powerful body in the Arab League", adds the "Tribune". "The possibility of armed conflict in India with outside Powers ready to intervene opens up sinister prospects. The Congress is against such a development and for the present it seems probable that British military opinion will also advise against it.

"But this most difficult item in the Indian settlement will manifestly have to be solved. Empires may be won in fits of absent-mindedness; but clearly they cannot be given up in that manner."

PUNJAB LEAGUE LEADERS MEET JINNAH

NEW DELHI, May 8 (API).—The Punjab League leaders, Khan Iftikhar Hussain Khan of Mamdot, Mian Allah Yar Daulatana, whip of the Punjab Muslim League Assembly Party and Rana Nasrullah Khan, Deputy Whip met Mr. Jinnah this morning. Mr. Ghazanfar Ali Khan, Health Member was also present.

Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, Commerce Member, and Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, Prime Minister, Mysore State, also called on Mr. Jinnah.

SIKH STUDENTS DEMAND DIVISION OF THE PUNJAB

LUCKNOW, May 8 (API).—A resolution supporting the demand for the partition of the Punjab was passed at an urgent meeting of the Executive Committee of Lucknow Sikh Students Federation held this afternoon under the presidentship of Sardar Avtar Singh. The meeting formed a Committee to make arrangements for lodging and admission of students of the Punjab and N.W.F.P. who have suffered during the recent riots.

FOUR INJURED IN TRAIN DERAILMENT

CALCUTTA, May 8 (API).

Four persons, including one Railway employee, received minor injuries when the Howrah-Moghal Sarai passenger train (25 up) was derailed at Salapur station, on the E.I.R. Railway, 141 miles from Howrah this morning.

The District Medical Officer, Asansol, proceeded to the site of the accident, and after attending to the injured brought them by road to Asansol for further treatment in the railway hospital. The up main line is clear for the passage of trains.

80 Village Uplift Centres Under Kasturba Trust

Rs. 8 Lakhs Budget Provision For Current Year For Financing Activities

POONA, May 8 (API.) Over 80 village uplift centres, devoted to the work of spread of adult education, teaching of village craft, sanitation and elementary medical work, today function in different parts of India under the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial trust, whose fund stands at Rs. 1,31,00,000.

Twentyfive of these are located in Bihar, while Bengal has 15, Maharashtra 8, Gujarat, Mysore State and Karnatak five each, the Punjab and Andhra three each, and Delhi, Rajputana, Central Provinces and Tamilnad two each.

The trust also runs 12 maternity centres and more are expected to be opened in the near future when trained medical personnel and other facilities are available. In the course of the next five years the trust hopes to make these centres self-supporting.

The members of the Executive Committee of the Trust, who are now in Poona, at their meetings yesterday and today, reviewed the four-pronged work undertaken by the Trust in furtherance of its objective training of gram-sevikas, pre-basic and basic training and training of midwives and nurses. Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, Vice-chairman of the trust, presided, and Mr. A. V. Thakkar, General Secretary of the trust, also attended. Twenty women provincial agents, coming from different parts of India, gave an account of the constructive work carried on in their territory.

It is learnt that the budget for the current year will provide about Rs. 8,00,000 for financing the activities of workers.

A joint meeting of the members of the medical board of the trust and agents will be held in Poona on May 11.

NIZAM'S GOVT. EXTERNS SOCIALIST LEADER

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away. "We were detained in an Inspection bungalow in a 'jagir' a few miles from the aerodrome and at departure time we were brought to the aerodrome and put into a plane which brought us to Bombay at noon today.

FLIMSY PLEA

"My tour was likely to strengthen the forces of freedom and patriotism and this, rather than the imagined fear of communal trouble was found too dangerous to be permitted.

"I must await advices from the State Congress and the Socialist group in the State. I do wish, however, to visit the state again. And this time, I would like to make it clear so that no false pretexts are available to anybody, that I would not touch upon any communal issue in my speeches whatever. But the final decision can be made only after the people from the State have come and met me which may be in a day or two."

ARREST IN HYDERABAD

HYDERABAD (Dn.), May 8 (A. P. I.). Mr. Jai Prakash Narain, the Socialist leader, who arrived in Hyderabad yesterday by plane from Bombay was arrested early this morning by the State police. It is learnt that Mr Narain and his wife Mrs. Prabhavati Devi will be sent back to Bombay today.

The Deputy Superintendent of Police, it is understood, went at 3-30 a.m. at Mr. Narain's residence and served on him an externment order under the Defence of Hyderabad Rules asking him to leave the State territory immediately. On Mr. Narain's refusal to comply with the order he was placed under arrest and taken to a waiting car. Mrs. Prabhavati Devi accompanied her husband.

Mr. Jai Prakash Narain addressed a mass meeting last night and was scheduled to address three meetings today.

Tear Gas Attack On Stone-Throwing Crowds

HYDERABAD (Deccan), May 8 (API).—Following the arrest and externment of Mr. Jai Prakash Narain this morning, there have been a number of demonstrations in the city today, in which the crowd indulged in stone-throwing resulting in a number of casualties. The situation deteriorated towards the evening. Sporadic stone-throwing was reported throughout the day in certain parts of Hyderabad City and by 6 p.m. the whose of Sultan Bazar area in the heart of the city was cordoned off by the police. Vast crowds had gone on pelting stones at the police and a number of casualties are reported. A large part of the disturbed area was thrown into darkness since most of the street lamps were damaged by stone-throwing. One Government Railway bus was reported to have been set on fire.

The police resorted to teargas attack to disperse the stone-throwing crowds in the Sultan Bazar area this evening.

Section 146 of the Asafia Penal Code corresponding to 144 of the Cr.P.C. in British India had been promulgated in the affected areas. The plying of buses in the disturbed areas has been suspended consequent on a large number of them being stoned heavily and damaged. These include many of the new double deckers recently put on the road.

By midnight the situation in the Sultan Bazar area was reported to be under control.

Section 146 has also been promulgated in Secunderabad city for three days from today.

Four Policemen Injured In Mob Attack

HYDERABAD (Deccan), May 8 (API): Four policemen are reported to have been injured, one of them seriously and sent to hospital, as a result of stone-throwing by demonstrators this morning on the Kingsway Road in Secunderabad, protesting against the arrest of Mr. Jai Prakash Narain, the Congress Socialist leader. The police used tear gas and dispersed the crowd.

A big crowd had turned up near Kingsway where Mr. Jai Prakash Narain was scheduled to perform the flag hoisting ceremony this morning. The crowd demonstrated on learning Mr. Jai Prakash Narain's arrest. Later another crowd collected at the Market Square and marched down Kingsway where the police dispersed them. The crowd then began pelting stones at the police as a result of which four policemen are reported to have been injured one of them seriously. The police used tear gas and dispersed the crowd.

TROOPS CALLED OUT

Troops were called out at 7 o'clock this evening to aid the police in controlling a crowd, which indulged in heavy stone-throwing in the Sultan Bazar Area of Hyderabad city where section 145 of the Asafia Penal Code corresponding to Section 144 Cr. P. C. in British India had been promulgated earlier in the evening.

Arms Haul In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, May 8, (A.P.I.): The Calcutta police, with the help of the military, raided an area within the jurisdiction of Jorasanko Police Station today and arrested 44 persons following the seizure of a large number of daggers, knives, spearheads, and a quantity of petrol. This brings the total number of arrests of bad characters since the rounding up started on March 26, to 751.

SEVEN INJURED

Seven persons were injured in today's incidents in Calcutta and Howrah, according to a bulletin issued at 7 p.m. by the Relief and Welfare Ambulance Corps. This figure has not, however, been officially confirmed.

CALCUTTA DAILY FORFEITS DEPOSIT

CALCUTTA, May 8. (U.P.I.): The Bengal Government has forfeited the security deposit of Rs. 1,000 of the printer and publisher of the English daily, "Nationalist" for the publication of two articles entitled "Behind the police atrocities" and "The Cheapest commodity" in the issues of the paper published in April last.

CURFEW REIMPOSED IN BENARES

BENARES, May 7, (A.P.I.): The sixteen-hour curfew lapsed this morning in Koola Bazar and seven other mohallas where a fatal stabbing incident took place a few days ago but the City Magistrate reimposed at 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. Curfew in these localities till May 15 as the relations between the various communities are still strained.

WITHHOLD ASSENT TO ANTI-HINDU BILLS

Sind Panchayats' Chief's Plea To Governor

KARACHI, May 8, (A.P.I.): The All-Sind Hindu Panchayat has requested the Governor, Sir Francis Mudie to use his special powers for the protection of Hindu minority in the province.

Mukhi Gobindram Pritamdas, President of the Panchayat, who met His Excellency today and submitted a representation urging the Governor to withhold his assent to Land Mortgage and other 'reactionary' bills passed by the Muslim League Ministry during the last Assembly session. Mukhi Gobindram also placed before His Excellency the resolution passed at the Panchayat conference and further requested him to appoint Home Guards and take such other measures as to create confidence amongst minorities and use his special powers in this connection.

KING GEORGE RECOVERS FROM CHILL

LONDON, May 8 (UPA)—The Exchange Telegraph Agency reported from aboard H.M.S. "Vanguard" that it was announced King George had recovered from his chill which confined him to the royal quarters for the past several days during the homeward journey.

DEATH FOR FILM STAR'S MURDER

LAHORE, May 8, (A.P.I.): The Additional Sessions Judge, Lahore, today sentenced to death Arthur Zed for having murdered his niece, Miss Mary Beatrice Dean, a film actress, at her residence in Royal Park, known as the Hollywood of Lahore.

According to prosecution Miss Dean came along with the accused from Multan to Lahore to see an ailing relative. Accused then took her to Delhi where she joined a film company. In November last, Miss Dean again visited Lahore accompanied by the accused for the shooting of a film. On the morning of November 3, the accused went to her rooms and finding the film director there became angry and, in a fit of temper, stabbed her to death. The accused later surrendered to the police and made a confession.

TWO BR. SHIPS COLLIDE IN SUEZ CANAL

LONDON, May 8 (Reuter).—The British ships "Ocean Valour" (7,714 tons) and "Clan Ranald" (5,447 tons) collided in Suez Roads at the Red Sea End of the Suez Canal today, but it was believed that none of the crew of either ship was injured. It was officially announced here.

The "Ocean Valour" bound for Japan with a cargo of salt, was damaged. The "Clan Ranald" was returning to the United Kingdom from India.

WARNING TO IMPORTERS OF KNITTING MACHINERY

NEW DELHI, May 8 (API).—The Government of India warn prospective importers of knitting machinery that as the present supply of cotton yarn suitable for use by hosiery factories is limited.

MAIL BAG THIEF GETS 10 [illegible]

LONDON, May 8 (Reuter).—John Foster, who was said by the prosecuting counsel to have stolen about £10,000 to £20,000 from mail bags between 1943 to 1947, was sentenced here today to ten years penal servitude with additional five years preventive detention.

COMMUNIST DETENUS ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY

HYDERABAD, (Dn.), May 8 (API). Dr. Raj Bahadur Goud and Mr. Jawad Rasvi, Communist leaders, now under detention, escaped last evening from the Osmania General Hospital where they were taken only yesterday for treatment of tooth trouble, it is authoritatively learnt. A vigorous search is being made to trace them.

CALCUTTA, May 7 (API.) In a cable to Lord Listowel, Secretary of State for India, and Sir Stafford Cripps, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, President of the Bengal Provincial Hindu Mahasabha States today that all sections of Bengal Hindus refuse to accept the establishment of Pakistan over Bengal and that they are opposed to the idea of a sovereign independent state of Bengal detached from the Indian Union.

D. F. Karaka: Off My Chest

The Indian Hotels Co. Ltd., who own the Taj and Cecils Hotel and behind whom is the house of Tata, have recently canvassed the opinion of their customers about food and service in the Dining Room. A card is supplied to each diner requesting his comments.

The improvements which the public expect from these establishments cannot, however, be put down on a half-postcard. The standard by which the Taj is to be judged is not the same standard by which one judges the Dining Room at Victoria Terminus.

During the war years it was reasonable to presume that the Taj were unable to get good cabaret items and even good bands from abroad. While in no way deprecating the local band, the point must be made that these bands and cabaret items have their limitations and for a first class hotel like the Taj, charging the prices it does, a far superior type of entertainment is called for. If the Taj can't afford it, it's another matter. But the fact must be stressed that dining at the Taj for the last five years has been like dining at a second-rate restaurant on world standards.

The Taj management don't have to take my judgment on this point. It has a capable manager in Mr. Banerjee who has recently returned from Europe and America who will corroborate what I say.

There is one other point which I must get off my chest to-day. It is about Amateur Night at Greens.

My opinion is that Amateur Nights should be stopped.

My reason is as follows: Originally Amateur Night was introduced with a view to find local talent. Some talent was discovered in this way and encouraged. But of late the whole object behind this show is very often to offer to a mixed audience a handful of boobs, packed specially because they are no good, and let the rabble make fun of them, throw bread at them and laugh at them. For this insult the poor performers get a paltry sum of money.

I am not in a position to pass comment on the audience, but I certainly think it degrading that the Indian Hotels Co. (and, therefore, the House of Tata) should associate itself with this degrading performance.

If there is no real talent available, don't have a show. But it is horrible to think that an Indian Company stands for and abets the mockery and insult that is offered to Indian and Anglo-Indian performers, however amateur and however lousy.

An Indian hotel company in a free India must first learn to preserve its self-respect. We expect it of a company associated with the name of Tata.

The 'Curse'

Anand Coomaraswamy reviews the havoc that, one and a half centuries of foreign domination of India, has wrought, in the spheres of Education, Art and Culture, in the next B. C. Weekly.

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Profile of Lord Listowel, who has succeeded Lord Pethick-Lawrence.

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Pictorial Feature on the beginnings of a ten year project.

BOMBAY CHRONICLE WEEKLY

Sunday May 11

ARABS NOT LEFT OUT

U. N. Plenary Session Endorses Decision Of Political Committee

LAKE SUCCESS, May 8 (Reuter): A special plenary session of the United Nations General Assembly last night endorsed the decision by the Assembly Political Committee yesterday to invite the Arab Higher Executive, representing the main Arab political parties in Palestine, to give its views on the question, together with a representative of the Jewish Agency.

The Assembly had met at short notice on the proposal of the Indian Delegate Mr. Asaf Ali, who had suggested in the Political Committee that the Assembly should be convened with the intention of endorsing the Committee's decision to hear the Arab Higher Executive as well as the Jewish agency. He had said that he understood that the Arab Higher Executive was unlikely to come before the Committee until the General Assembly endorsed the resolution that the Committee would hear them.

The resolution approved was the British one designed to placate the Palestine Arabs who on Tuesday had announced the boycott of discussions of the Palestine problem.

The resolution was adopted in preference to the Indian proposal for a special invitation to the Arab Committee.

The voting was 39 in favour, one against and 11 abstentions.

The Assembly had previously decided that the Political Committee should hear the Jewish Agency, but had left it to decide whether or not to hear the organisations representing other Palestine communities.

The Arab Higher Executive objected to this on the grounds that it gave "priority" to the Jewish Agency and announced a boycott.

It is now considered highly probable that Palestinian Arabs will raise their boycott of the discussions.

As the Assembly met, the Jewish Agency had officially accepted the invitation to give its views.

NO CHANGE ON U. S. VIEWS ON PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, May 8 (Reuter). Mr. George Marshall, United States Secretary of State, told a press conference here that the United States Government has not changed its views—contained in various presidential statements last year—on the Palestine problem but was not pressing those views in the present session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Mr. Marshall said that the United States was anxious only that the question should be decided by the United Nations at the highest level by the setting up of a commission—preferably of "neutral" countries—to examine the whole problem and report to the September meeting of the General Assembly.

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Oscar Homolka—brilliant in "The Shop At Sly Corner" (Excelsior).

Seeing The Shows With "SARDI"

Homolka Gives Fine Display Of Thespianism — Rains Shines In "Deception"—Robert Taylor Makes A Convincing Villain—Du Maurier Novel Makes Interesting Photoplay

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Strand

DECEPTION (Warner Bros.)
Players: Claude Rains, Bette Davis, Paul Henreid.
Director: Irving Rapper.

This photoplay is remarkable for its ultra sophisticated finish, its polished trio of leading players and a superb characterisation by Claude Rains As HOLLENIUS, Rains is every temperamental, egoistical, domineering, long-haired music maestro that ever existed. While parodying the character to the hilt, he yet endows the part with sufficient depth to prove the old adage that genius is akin to madness. Here is Rains at his histrionic best. The theme itself is the old one of two men and a woman. Losing her lover KAREL NOVAK a cellist, in war-torn Europe, CHRISTINE a struggling pianist, accepts the protection of the great composer HOLLENIUS. When Karl turns up again, Christine marries him, concealing from him her past and lulling his jealous suspicious by spinning a web of lies. Lest Hollenius should expose her, she shoots him dead just before Karel is to give his first big performance in America of a cello concerto by the famous composer. Too late, Christine realises that Hollenius had meant no harm. Ensured of her husband's love and his future success, she ends the deception by surrendering herselves to the punishment that awaits her folly.

The extreme triteness of the plot is redeemed by the fine acting, and the brilliance of the dialogue, particularly the lines of the composer to which Rains gives a pointed edge. The scene where the maestro orders a gourmet's dinner with meticulous care and exasperating slowness, is a sparkling gem of wit and satire.

Rains's portrayal of Hallenius overshadows Bette Davis's Christine played in her usual clever but staccato manner. Paul Henreid has been poorly served with the part of the neurotic, jealous Karel.

A noteworthy feature of this production is the music of ERIC WOLFGANG KORNGOLD, under the direction of Leo F. Forbstein

For lovers of sophisticated drama and polished acting.



Dennis Price and Margaret Lockwood in "Hungry Hill" (Regal).

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Regal

HUNGRY HILL (Two Cities—G.F.D.)
Players: Margaret Lockwood, Dennis Price, Cecil Parker, Dermot Walsh.
Director: Brian Desmond Hurst.

I found this adaptation of DAPHNE du MAURIER'S novel interesting enough despite its inordinate length which covers a family feud, between two Irish families, for three generations.

In the first generation, Copper John Broderick is cursed by Donovan for sinking a copper mint in Hungry Hill. In the second generation, Greyhound John, Broderick's heir, marries Fanny Rosa a wayward girl who bears him four children. After a mine disaster, John catches typhoid in the Donavan household whereto he has gone to candole with its members on the death of one of them. In the third generation, Wild Johnnie, Fanny's spoilt son seduces Kate Donavan and is, later, killed by her brothers. Fanny Rosa who survives to the end, even after an addiction to drugs and the roulette wheel, finally ends the feud by not prosecuting her son's killer and the miner rioteers.

A number of spectacular scenes, such as the dynamiting of the copper mine and a tough fight between Wild Johnnie and one of the Donovans, enliven the gloom which pervades the entire tragic tale.

As Fanny Rosa, Margaret Lockwood is not very convincing when playing the young girl, but quite clever as the aged woman. Cecil Parker's Copper John is robust in a purely melodramatic fashion. In the role of Greyhound John, I thought Dennis Price rather feeble. Dermot Walsh as Wild Johnnie and Siobhan McKenna as Kate Donovan give by far the best performances.

Lovers of melodrama will feast on this saga with relish.

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Excelsior

THE SHOP AT SLY CORNER (British)
Players: Oscar Homolka, Muriel Pavlov, Derek Farr, Kenneth Griffith.
Director: George King.

This unpretentious little picture has much in it to recommend it, for, in addition to a well worked out murder story, it boasts of the artistry of Oscar Homolka in the chief role and contains some good music.

An escaped French convict resides peaceably in England with his daughter, a buddin violinist. Though ostensibly an antique dealer, the old man and an accomplice indulge in the fine art of stealing priceless jewels which are stored or melted in the cellar. The young Cockney shop boy discovers his employers' dark secret, by chance, and starts to blackmail him to the point of demanding the old man's daughter in marriage. The Cockney meets his doom and from them on Scotland Yard have a clever murderer to capture—one who eludes them to the last moment when he takes his own life after a successful violin recital by the daughter for love of whom no sacrifice has been too great.

It is a joy to watch Homolka in the role of the good-natured, blustering antique dealer; every little gesture of this great artiste has a mesmeric quality about it. Kenneth Griffith makes himself thoroughly despicable as Archie, the blackmailing Cockney, but Mural Pavlov is rather negative in the role of the daughter.

The director deserves unqualified praise for the clever manner in which he has maintained the story's suspense.

For excitement seekers and Homolka fans.

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Metro

UNDERCURRENT (M.G.M.)
Players: Katharine Hepburn, Robert Taylor, Robert Mitchum, Edmund —Gwenn.
Director: Vincente Minnelli.

For the first time in his screen career, Robert Taylor here plays a villainous role with astonishing suavity. As Alan Garroway, a wealthy, outwardly respectable magnate who is, in fact, a swindler and murderer, he relies more on his acting ability than, as formerly, on his looks.

A professor's charming daughter, somewhat stridently portrayed by Katharine Hepburn, marries Garroway and soon becomes interested in his younger brother whom he paints as the black sheep of the family. A strange affinity is developed between her and the brother-in-law whom she finally suspects her husband of having murdered

Up to this point the dialogue is overabundant yet it creates an atmosphere of suspense. But, after the wife's realisation of her husband's crime, the film deteriorates into stark melodrama of the six-penny-novel variety.

The direction is polished. So are the stars, particularly Robert Mitchum as the supposedly ne'er-do-well brother.

Despite the melodramatic twist at the end, this screenplay will appeal to all serious picturegoers.



Hepburn and Taylor—The sparks fly in "Undercurrent" (Metro).

DOUBLE ATTRACTION AT THE REGAL

The film "Hungry Hill" will be preceded by a stage show of the dances of XENIA ZARINA of whom I wrote some time ago.

The programme will consist of a Balinese dance, one from Japan, and "The Enchantment of Merlin" to the music of Debussy's "Clair de Lune." MARIO, the Taj pianist, who is also often heard on the AIR, will accompany Xenia Zarina at the piano.



Xenia Zarina in the Japanese Kabuki dance "Fuji MUSUME"

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Eros

WAKE UP AND DREAM
Players: John Paynee, June Haver, Connie Marshall.

A fantasy adapted from Robert Nathan's "The Enchanted Voyage", the present picture is one that will catch the fancy of children and the young in heart who believe in dreams.

A yokel who joins the Navy, his sweetheart and a little girl share strange adventures in the wilds of Louisiana, all achieving their hearts' fondest desires at the end of the journey.

John Payne and June Haver are the lovers with Connie Marshall playing the child.

For sentimentalists.

SUNDAY MORNING SHOWS

METRO—10 A.M. "The Last Chance"—John Hay.
STRAND—10-30 A.M.: Donald Duck and Mickey Mouse Cartoons.
REGAL—10 A.M.: "Make Mine Music" —Disney feature-length cartoon.
PALACE—10-30 A.M.: "Incendiary Blonde"—Betty Hutton.
AURORA—10-30 A.M.: "Let's Face It" —Bob Hope.

RETURN FILMS

PALACE (Byculla): "JESSE JAMES" —Henry Fonda, Tyronne Power.
AURORA (Matunga): "The Last Week-End"—Ray Milland, Jane Wyman.



Bette Davis and Paul Henreid in "Deception" (Strand.)

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CONTROL OF WORLD RICE SUPPLY

International Conference To Commence At Trivandrum On May 15

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, May 8.

The First International Conference ever to be held in India will be held next July at Trivandrum. It will be an International Conference of major rice producing and consuming countries. The agenda for the conference will be prepared by a Study Group which commences its one month's session at Trivandrum on May 15. The British and American delegations to this Study Group which were here left for Trivandrum today.

Eight nations are to be represented at the Group meetings namely, India, China, Siam, Britain for Burma, Ceylon and Malayain, France for Indo-China, Dutch for Indonesia, and Phillipines and U.S.A. for Japan. The Group has to prepare an agenda for the July Conference supported by data relating to production, trade, prices, marketing methods, plans for increased production, price stabilisation, scientific and technical knowledge relating to rice-culture, milling practicies, and storage.

The July conference will be held under the auspices F.A.O. and is expected to set up an International Rice Board to be located somewhere in South-East Asia to deal with the production and distribution of rice. The Indian Delegation to F.A.O. Conference, it may be recalled, had urged that rice is mainly an Asiatic cereal and there was no justification for rice being controlled by America and Europe which were neither interested in rice nor were they competent to deal with it. The Food Conference at Washington, it was stressed, was dominated by U.S.A., U.K. and other European countries. The Indian Delegation had therefore urged that thet Rice Board should be set up somewhere in South-East Asia to deal with the production and distribution of rice. This proposal was tentatively adopted with the result that the F.A.O. conference decided to set up Study Group as a prelude to holding an International Conference.

India will be represented by her Agriculture Secretary, Sir Pheroz Khareghat at the Group meetings. Babu Rajendra Prasad, Food Member in the Interim Government is expected to reach Trivandrum about the time when the Group meetings commence on May 15.

No Rice Allotment For 2nd Half Year?

NEW DELHI, May 8, (A.P.I.): Astonishment and incredulity are expressed by official circles in New Delhi at the Washington report that India has not been allotted any rice for the second half of the year. It is stated that the Government of India have had intimation from their representatives in Washington and cannot believe that it is true. Should the report, however, have any basis in fact, there is no inclination to minimise the gravity of the situation Although the food picture has not so far been desperate, absence of rice allocations for the second half of the year, added to the fact that rust has destroyed fairly large quantities of the wheat crop, would create a difficult situation.

ACUTE STEEL SHORTAGE IN BRITAIN

LONDON:—(IPS). With a view to alleviate the nation's acute steel shortage, the Home office has directed the local authorities to dismantle quickly the Anderson and Morrison shelters constructed during war at the height of the Nazi air raids and collect the steel structures.

NO EMPLOYMENT FOR MARRIED WOMEN IN U. S.

NEW YORK:—(IPS.) The International Business Machines Corporation is reverting to the pre-war policy of not employing married women whose husbands are employed. The Bureau of Labour statistics reports that several large corporations have agreed to follow the plan and take action.

TORY CHIEFS PLAN TO SMASH BIG UNIONS

LONDON:—(IPS). The big-wigs of the British Tories are worried at the growing influence of the Big Trade Unions on the Administration. They have, it is reported, urged upon the Conservative party to back a plan for breaking up the large unions into small units if they come to power again.

'COUP D'ETAT' BY COLUMBIAN ARMY

SANTE MARIA, (Venezuela) May 7 (Reuter). A coup d'etat carried out by the Colombian army actively supported by the Liberal Group under its leaders, Mr. Jorge, Eliezer Gaitan is reported in the Venezuelan evening newspaper "extra". It says, however that this news is subject to further confirmation.

The report which is splashed on the front page adds that the Colombian radio stations went off the air early last night in accordance with Government directives.

BERNE:—(IPS). The Swiss Government have proposed to the British Government for the abolition of visas between the two countries it was learnt in Berne.

SHOULD BULLION TRADE BE CONTROLLED?

Bombay Govt. Issues Questionnaire To Various Associations

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Government of Bombay has under consideration the question of controlling and regulating the bullion trade in the Province, in particular forward trading in bullion. The questionaire issued by the Government today brings out some of the points on which Government would be grateful for suggestions. Persons and associations interested in the bullion trade are requested to send in their replies to the questionaire, or to any parts of it to which they desire to confine themselves, to the Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Secretariat, Bombay, on or before 15th June 1947. Copies of this Press Note including the questionnaire are being furnished separately to various Associations, Chambers of Commerce, etc., within and outside the Province. Others can have the copies on application.

BOMBAY'S FOOD POSITION

Stocks Fairly Adequate To Meet 14 Weeks' Requirements

The Government stocks of cereal food-grains in the Province on April 12, 1947 were 3,28,800 tons consisting of 1,06,200 tons of rice, 21,500 tons of wheat including a seed reserve of about 10,000 tons and 2,01,100 tons of millets, maise, barley and other grains. Although the present stocks are less than those at the end of March 1946 by about 63,000 tons, they are fairly adequate as they are equivalent to about 14 weeks' requirements.

The position in respect of wheat, however, is far from satisfactory. The local procurement of wheat is very small in all districts except Ahmedabad due to the general failure of the crop in the Deccan and Karnatak Districts. As seed requirements are to be given priority over the consumption requirements nearly all the locally procured wheat in Ahmedabad has been reserved for seed.

The Government of India's allocation of wheat to this Province for May 1947 is 15,000 tons. This is less than half the normal monthly consumption requirements of wheat. However, if these stocks arrive in time and without admixtures, it may be possible to retain the existing quantum of wheat ration generally.

NO TRANSFER OF BERMUDA TO U. S.

LONDON, May 7 (Reuter). Britain has made it clear to Bermuda that she has no intention of transferring the sovereignty of the Colony to the United States to help repay the American loan, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, declared in the House of Commons today. Such a suggestion had been made in the American press.

Answering a question Mr. Creech Jones said that the Governor of Bermuda was authorised last March to state that the British Government did not contemplate any transfer of British colonies and dependencies in the western hemisphere.



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Stock Exchange Declines After Early Firmness

SMALL IMPROVEMENT IN COTTON PRICES

Bullion Market Rules Steady

BOMBAY, May 8.

The Bombay Stock Exchange opened very steady and ruled firm during the early part of the session on increased buying but later quietened on increased realising. Kohinoor shares were active under professional support but steel shares failed to hold the improvement. As pointed out before the main trend of the market remains upward and confidence is returning.

Tata Steel Defd. shares opened at Rs. 2175 and improved at Rs. 2180 but later declined at Rs. 2152|8 under general realising and steadied at Rs. 2157. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 409 and declined at Rs. 405|8.

Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1075 and after declining at Rs. 1070 advanced at Rs. 1097|8 but later declined at Rs. 1077 on moderate profit-taking. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 692 and rose to Rs. 700 but later declined at Rs. 692 and steadied at Rs. 694. Simplex shares opened at Rs. 335 and after improving at Rs. 336 declined at Rs. 329. Swadeshi mill shares opened at Rs. 626 and after advancing at Rs. 630 reacted at Rs. 625. Scindia shares were steady at Rs. 31'9 while Central Bank shares changed hands at Rs. 105. Tone of the market was steady but buyers were cautious.

Towards the close there was further long liquidation which resulted in a further set-back which pushed down quotations under yesterday's closing level. Tata Steel Dfds. declined at Rs. 2145 and Ordinary shares were done at Rs. 404. Bombay Dyeing quietened at Rs. 1071|4 while Kohinoors declined at Rs. 686. The market closed at about the lowest level of the day and tone was barely steady.

MILLS.

Bombay Dyeing 1071.4 Kohinoor 686 Swadeshi 618 Nagpur 279 Simplex 324 New Great 366 Gokak 306 Indore 570 Century 905 Colaba 240 Indian Bleaching 162 Swan 368 Finlay X D 310 Morarji 650 Edward 675 Meyer 252/8 Apollo 4 4/6 I U Ord 15.12 I U Dfd 3/3 6 Madnusudan 305 Poddar 330 Khatau 300

STEEL SHARES

Tata Steel Ord 404 Tata Steel Dfd 2145 Second Pref. 167/8

CEMENT

Associated Merger 177/8

INDUSTRIES

Burma 457/8 Bellapur 259 Shivrajpur 37 Scindia 31/8 P. Construction 199 Tata Chemical 16/4 Tata Oil 81 Indian Iron 34/10 Bengal Steel 26.12

ELECTRIC SHARES.

Tram Ordinary 116'8 Tata Hydro 176 Andhra 1560 X D. Tata Power 1705

MILLS (CASH).

Elphinstone 91 Phoenix 1295 India Manufacturing 3700 Kooria 300 Dawn 1600 Devid 151/4 New City 228/12 Minerva 210 Bradbury 520 Bharucha (Defd.) 8 Bharat 52 Mysore 306 Madhavji 17 Morel 208/12 Laxmi 1806 Vishnu 683/12 Western 3600 Standard 562/8 Sholapur 600 Sassoon Cotton 24/8 Hindustan 3600 Tata 95/4 Ahmedabad Advance 460 Sussoon Silk 85 New Union 19'3 Madhusudan B 60 Shrinivas 405 Raja Bahadur 116/4 Berar 375 Victoria 425.

ELECTRIC SHARES (CASH).

Ahmedabad 155 (New) 118/12 Surat 243/12 New Pref. 140 Karachi 240 Broach 12/1 Ajmer 13/8 Amalgamated 20/4 Jalgaon 14/12 Nagpur 58 Poona 210 Bombay Suburban 202/8 Bombay Suburban (New) 164/10.

BANK SHARES.

Reserve 119/8 Imperial 2370 P P 587/8 Central V R 165 India 241/4 Union 11/8 Baroda 166 Habib 165 Dena Bank 60 United Commercial 75 Jaipur 62 Hindusthan Com. 48 Mysore 460 Exchange (Ord.) 53.

INSURANCE.

Oriental 5400 Empire 975 New India 82.4 Jupiter 34 Vulcan 16 Indian Mercantile 62/8 Universal Fire 18 Vasant 22/4 British India General 22 Industrial Prudential 45 Neptune 13/6 New Great 43 All-India General 40/4.

RAILWAYS.

C. P. 108/8 Mymensing 113 Guaranteed 113 Sara Sirajganj 116 Pachora 101 Mandra Bhon 116.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 555 Steamer 562/8 Burma New 168/12 Burma Petrol 3/12/6 Mackenzie 185 Port Canning 86 Kemp 575 Zandu Pharmacy 202/8 Indian Radio (Ord.) 377 Indian Radio B. 375 Indian Radio 361/4 Indian Investment Trust 106/8 Wimco X R 267/8 Dharamsey Chemical 35 Mukund Iron 14/12 Dena Trust 25 Alembic 365 Supreme India 228 Jamwire 141/8 Bombay Uganda 85 Bombay Motor Cycle 43/8 India Cement 42 Walchand Nagar Industries 325 United Motor 70 A. C. C. New 63.

PREFERENCE SHARES.

Tata Steel (1st Pref.) 205 Tram 54/4 Andhra Valley 1390 Tata Power 1460 Hydro 148/8 Bombay Steamer 315 Nagpur 685 Swadeshi 150 Vishnu 822/8 Laxmi 306/4 New Great 268/12 Poddar 116 Shrinivas 101 Elphinstone 130 Bradbury 523/12 Surat Elec. 211/4 Premier Construction (1st Pref.) 119 (2nd Pref.) 122/8 Amalgamated 156/4 Habib 72 Tata Chemical 122/8 Walchand Nagar Industries 250 Jupiter 19/12 Supreme 120.

OUTSIDE SHARES.

Indian Copper 3/5 B I C 9/15 Burma Corporation 4/5 New Victoria 5/4 New Victoria Preference 6/8 Raja 29/8 Phalton 125 Gold Mohar 3/0 New Kaiser-i-Hind 430 Sajjan 300 Osmanshahi 300 Ajamshahi 265 Air Services 16/8 Air India 182/8 Birla Motor 8/2 Marshal 7/12

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, May 8.

As indicated yesterday, a general meeting of all members of the Bullion will be held tomorrow as the committee appointed to fix rates has failed.

On making enquiries it is understood that two members will be appointed to fix quotation for evening up all outstanding transactions for Vaishakh delivery. Bears are prepared to accept the rate of about Rs. 161 for Silver but Bulls favour Rs. 164. Unless a spirit of accommodation develops nothing will be done satisfactorily as some members are of the opinion that any rate above the ceiling quotation will be unjust.

In the meantime the market was firm under the support of professional operators. Ready Silver opened at Rs. 172/4 and declined at Rs. 171/4. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 109 and Sovereigns stood at Rs. 70/12.

Final quotations were as under:—

	Rs. as. p.
Ready Silver	170 8 0
Ready Gold	109 0 0
Sovereigns	70 12 0

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, May 8.

The Cotton Market was fairly steady today with moderate buying. There was nothing like any buying urge and the market is moving aimlessly with restricted business.

The market was expected to open at Rs. 434 for July delivery but trading commenced at Rs. 433/12 and under scattered buying and short covering improved at Rs. 434/12. At this level the demand was satisfied and with somewhat increased realising further improvement was checked and July was quoted at Rs. 434/8. September contract business was put through at Rs. 442/8 and the market was steady

The market closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. July	434	2	0
I.C.C. Sept.	...442	0	0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton July Contract is 1784 cent points under New York July at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

BOMBAY, May 7.

	Hi.	Lo.	Closing.
May	—	—	—
July	434-1/4	432-3/4	433-3/4
Sept.	441-3/4	441	441-1/2
Karachi 4F			
July	45-14-6	45-11-3	45-13-6

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, May 8.

At the general meeting held yesterday, the Board was empowered to decide about delivery month for forward business in Castorseeds. The Board will meet next Saturday. Some favour two months September and May and the decision of the Board is awaited.

The market was very steady with Castorseeds May delivery quoted at a premium of Rs. 3/8 over the ceiling rate of Rs. 131. Ready quotation was Rs. 29/8. Naviakhi delivery Rs. 28/12 and Cawnpore Bold Rs. 27/12. Linseed Ready was quoted at Rs. 36/7 and April-May business was done at Rs. 26/10. Groundnuts were neglected Khandesh quality was quoted at Rs. 31. Coromandal at Rs. 30/4 and Bold at Rs. 30.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, May 8.

Tata Ordinary 404 Tata Deferred 2145 Indian Iron 34/6 Steel Corpn. of Bengal 26/12 Bombay Dyeing 1071/4 Central India 278/12 Gokak 303/2 Kohinoor 686/4 Simplex 324 Swadeshi 618/2 Tata Power 1690 Associated Cement 177/8 Belapur 258/12 Bombay Burma (Old) 457/8 Scindia 31/8 Central Bank 103/12 New India 82/8 Tata 2nd Pref. 167/8

HAPUR MARKET

HAPUR, May 8.

Silver Ready 167 Forward 161 Opened 161/8 Highest 163/12 Lowest 159/14 Gold Ready 107/8 Forward 103/8 Opened 103 Highest 104 quietly steady good speculative buying support at falling prices Bardana nasar 12/8 Asuj 73/8 quiet Sarson Ready 18/12 Jeth 19/3 Phadon 20/0/6 Opened 19/13/6 Highest 20/2/3 extremely steady free sale of food grains held up futures in Arhar and Peas strictly banner Gur 12/9 Shakkar 13.

CALICUT MARKET

CALICUT, May 8.

Coiryarn Beypore 190/200 Quilandy 205/215 Fibre Garbled 170 Ungarbled 165 Cocoanuts Raw 130 Dry 135 Cocoanutoil 510 Copra Office 290 Dilpasand 300 Madrasnottam 330 Pepper Wynaad 550 Country 540 Dryginger Chernad 250 Ernad 240 Coffee Robusta 86 Timber Pali 50/55 Junglewood 27/8/28 Vellapine 42/45 Benteak 50 Teak 78/80 Mangoplanks 3/12 Teak 18 Rosewood 16/18.

LONDON WHEAT.

London, May 7.

Australian Wheat (bulk) F. O. B. 103 May-June quoted.

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RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

BOMBAY, May 8.

MILLS.

Apollo 4/5 4/4/6 4/5 4/4/6
Bharat 52/4 52
B. Dyeing 1075 70 97/8 75 92/8 78/12 82/8 77/8 82/8 75 80 71/4
Bradbury (Ord.) 595
C. India 282 81 81/8 79
E. Textiles 680 75
Finlay 316 14 16 13 14 10
Gokak 306 5 6 3
I. U. (Defd.) 3/4 3/3/6
I. U. (Ord.) 15/14 15/13 16 15/12
Indore 590 82/8 65 70
Kohinoor 692 95 90 97 93 700 691 95 92 94 86
Model 208/2 8/13
Morarji 620 50
New City 228/12
New Great 369 66 67 66
New Union 19/6 19/3
Sassoon Silk 85/8 86
Simplex 335 36 31 32 24
Swadeshi 626 30 29 30 26 28 26 28 18
Tata Mills 95/8 96
Vishnu 683/12

BANKS.

Central 105 3/8 4
Imperial (Old) 2325 2400 2350 80 70
Imperial (New) 573/12 90 87/8
India 239 41/4
Reserve 118 19/8
Union 11/12
U. Commercial 78

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 155
Andhra Valley 1560
B. Tram (Ord.) 117 16'8
B. Tram (Pref.) 55 55/4 54/4
Hydro 177 76 76/8
Power 1685 90 (ex. div.)
New India Ass 82/8 81/8 83 82/8
Scindhia Steam 31/15 31/9 31/11 31/8
B. Steam 570 72/8

STEEL.

B. Steel 26/12 26/14 26/11 26/12
I. Iron 35 34/14 34/15 34/10
Tata (Defd.) 2175 80 72/8 80 57/8 62/8 52/8 57/8 45
Tata (Ord.) 409 8 9 8 8/3 3 4
Tata (1st Pref.) 206/12
Tata (IInd Pref.) 167/8

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 550 51/4 53/12 51/4 55
A. C. C. (Old) 178 77/8 78/8 78 78/4 77/8
A. C. C. (New) 62 61 62
Belapur 264 60 61 59
B. B. Old) 462/8 57/8
B. B. (New) 170
I. Bleaching 165 62
P. Construction 201 200 2 198 201 199
Shivrajpur 37/8
Tata Chemical) 16/4 16/2 16/4
Tata Oil 82 82/8 81 81/8 81
Wimco 266 68/12 67/8 70 67/8
Cooria Mill 290
Ahmedabad Elec. (New) 117/8

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NEW YORK COTTON STEADY

FUTURES 35 TO 45 PTS. HIGHER.

NEW YORK, May 7.

Washington reports that the army was contemplating a stock pile of textiles attracted attention. The Journal of Commerce estimates cotton acreage at 20,938,000 acres, an increase of 15.1 per cent. while the Daily News Record puts the figure at 21,453,000 acres, which is the highest private estimate to date and indicates an increase of 18 per cent. Increased trade support was based on anticipated price-fixing operations in connection with the expected completion of U. N. R. R. A. purchases of 25,000 bales energising the moderate rallying movement. The upswing was accelerated by a distinct scarcity of contracts which stimulated covering operations enabling the market to close very steady.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, May 7.

May	36.61+36
July	34.56+36
October	29.63+45
December	29.66+45
October lowest	29.18—05
December	28.71+43
January	28.25+43
March	28.09+35
Middling Spot	37.26+37

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, May 7.

May	36.60+46
July	34.48+47
October	29.65+51
December	28.78+46
March	28.10+42
Middling Spot	36.50+40

NEW YORK SILVER PRICE DOWN

NEW YORK, May 7, (U. P. A.): The price of silver in the New York market dropped two cents to 71-3/4 today and thus came to within one cent of the year's low point.

Traders reported considerable offerings at 72 cents. It was believed that most of the demand was satisfied with an estimated turnover of 300.000 ounces, including "a little business" with London.

LONDON SILVER PRICES.

LONDON, May 7, (U. P. A.): The London silver market remained most idle today, with prices unchanged at 44-3/4 pence per ounce for ready and 44-1/2 pence per ounce for two months forward.

British manufacturers of fine silver were complimented in the press for their attractive displays at the British Industries Fair. It was stated that there had been a great simplification and improvement in British designs of silverware as well as of textiles and other fields.

MEXICAN BULLION MARKET.

MEXICO CITY, May 7, (U. P. A.): There was some activity in the Mexican Bullion Exchange on Tuesday after Monday's holiday with all types of gold being quoted at 4.05 and silver at 1.02-1/2.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, May 8.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.
B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29 32 up to 6 Months.
London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready
London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.
London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Months.
London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Months.
London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Months.
London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Months
London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th-9th Months
London Banks Buying. 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Months.
London Banks Buying 90 d/st. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Months.
London Banks Buying 90 d/st. 1/6 3/16 7th and 9th Months.

NEW YORK & MONTREAL RATES.

B. U Rate £.1 Rs. 332 1/4.
Banks Selling I. T. D D. Rs. 332 1/4.
Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 330.
Banks Buying D. D. N. Y. Rs. 329
Montreal Rs. 328 3/4 under L/C.
Banks Buying D. D. N. Y. Rs. 328 3/4.
Montreal Rs 328 1/2 not under L/C.
Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 3550
Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs 3650
Reserve Bank Rate 3 o. Bank of England Rate 2%.
Money:—Call 1/4 pc, 3 Months 1/2 pc, 6 Months 3/4 pc, 12 Months 1 1/4 pc.
Tone:—Easy.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

BOMBAY, May 8

	Rs. as. p.
2-3 4 pc 1948/52	101 4 0
2-3 4 pc 1960	100 5 0
2-1.2 pc 1961	98 9 0
3 pc 1949 52	102 4 0
3 pc 1951/54	102 13 0
3 pc 1953/55	103 4 0
3 pc 1957 V. L.	102 11 0
3 pc 1959/61	102 11 0
4 pc B. P. T.	115 0 0
5 pc M. Debent	120 8 0
3 pc 1963 65	125 0 0
3 pc 1966/68	102 10 0
3 pc 1970/75	102 8 0
3 pc 1986 New	102 4 0
3-1/2 pc 1947/50	101 14 6
4 pc 1960/70	101 5 0
4 pc 1983 Kar. Mun.	114 0 0
4 pc 1955/60	117 0 0
4 pc M. Debent.	115 0 0
6 pc M. Debent.	123 0 0

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, May 7

American Telephone and Telegraph	155-7/8
Amerex Holding Co.	28-1,2
Anaconda Copper Mining	36-5/8
Chase National Bank	34-5/8
Sinclair Oil	15-1/8
Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co.	51-1/4
General Electric Co.	34-5,8
General Motors	58
Ingersoll Rand (bid)	110-3/4
International Nickel	31-3/4
National City Bank of New York	39
New York Central Rail Road Co.	14-3/8
Socony Vacuum Corporation	15-1,2
Texas Corporation	60-5/8
Union Carbon and Carbide	98-1/4
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	44
U. S. Steel Corporation (Common) (ex. div.)	68-3/8
Western Union Telegraph	18-1/2

NUMEROUS INQUIRIES IN WORTH STREET.

NEW YORK, May 7, (U. P. A.): More numerous inquiries from domestic and export buyers for third quarter deliveries featured today's session of the Worth Street Cotton Cloth Market. Rumours that the military might attempt to build up a stockpile of between 200,000,000 and 300,000,000 yards of various types of textiles attracted attention, although the question of appropriations remained a barrier to the immediate adoption of any stockpiling program.

LONDON PEPPER PRICES.

LONDON, May 7, (U. P. A.): Today session of the London pepper market was quiet although trends were irregular and the price of white pepper went down 3/4 pence to 2.1, while black pepper went up one farthing to 1,9.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, May 7.

	£
Consols 2-1/2 pc	96-1/8
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 pc 1961	111-7/8
War Loan 3-1/2 pc 1952 and after	106-1/4
Funding Loan 4 pc 1960/90	118-1/4
Victory Bonds 4 pc	120
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China	12-5/16
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	116-1/2
National Bank of India	36-1/4

CHICAGO WHEAT.

CHICAGO, May 7.

May 2.64 to 2.64-1/4.
July 2.24-1/2 to 2.24-3/4.
September 2.18-1/4 to 2.18-1/4.
December 2.15-1/4 to 2.15-1/4.

LONDON BULLION.

London, May 7.

Silver Spot 44-3/4, Forward 44-1/2.
Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8/12/3.

NEW YORK PLATINUM PRICES.

NEW YORK, May 7, (U. P. A.): Platinum was quoted at $59 per ounce wholesale and $62 retail—showing a drop of $4 per ounce due to heavy offerings, believed to be of Russian origin—in the New York market today. Traders said the demand was industrial rather than for the jewellery trade.

India's Mineral Resources

Publication of figures relating to the annual mineral production of India, which had been suspended since 1939 for security reasons, has now been resumed with the inclusion of the statistics of production during 1944 in the first number of the 'Indian Minerals' issued in January 1947. In a note prefacing the statistics the Director, Geological Survey of India, writes, "It is hoped to follow this up with a general review of the mineral production in India during the war in a later issue of this journal, by which time the statistics of 1945 will be available."

The 'Indian Minerals' the new quarterly, is issued by the Mineral Information Bureau of the Geological Survey of India. The first number opens with an article on the mineral wealth of India, which after showing the exact position of India's present mineral resources comes to the following conclusion:

"A study of the list of the minerals for which India has to depend largely on entirely on foreign imports indicates that India is deficient in certain minerals of strategic importance namely, tin, tungsten lead zinc, nickel, graphite and the liquid fuels, in spite of the fact that she is well supplied with the basic metals, namely, iron, manganese, aluminium and magnesium. The deficiencies may be serious in times of war but her neighbour Burma has stocks of tin, tungsten, lead, zinc, petroleum and also silver, nickel, antimony, etc., while Ceylon has reserves of the world's finest graphic and of a magnitude sufficient to last a long time.

"This reveals that India is not 'enormously' rich in minerals, as is sometimes declared quite confidently. However, for a country of its a size and population India's minera' resources are not negligible and encompass a sufficient range, of useful materials that are necessary to make a country more or less industrially self-contained and, barring certain limitations, strategically self-sufficient.

"It also reveals that except for a few minerals, such as iron-ore, mica, aliminium-ore, titanium and thorium ores, India's mineral deposits are of a decidedly limited extent, and need a policy of strict conservation and planned utilisation in the interest of future national needs".

Another article, which gives a general picture of the petroleum industry in India, contains the following generalisation: "Although the Indian oilfields are not sufficiently large to supply more than a small portion of India's requirements, the oil industry of India occupies an important place in the national economy; small though it is in relation to world production (its output being less than a hundreth of the world supply) its development has been constantly on lines as up-to-date as anywhere in the world".

An article on the Zawar Silver-Lead-Zinc Mines', which follows, is of special interest being the first published record of the Government exploration work at Zawar in Udaipur (Mewar) State.

MINERAL SPRINGS

The utilisation of mineral springs of India, is the subject of another article, which describes the investigations made by the Geological Survey of India of mineral springs in the country. These springs of which some 300 have already been catalogued, are to offer cures for specific types of diseases, e.g., skin disease, rheumatism goitre and even leprosy. Some of these waters, like the fuming Surajkund sulphur spring in Hasaribagh district, emerge from the ground at high temperature and give off gases and medicinal vapour of great health value. Examination of the springs has shown that some of them have properties comparable to those possesed by the more famous European and American springs. Some of the Indian springs are highly radio-active, while others are moderately so. In fact even the waters of some common wells and tubwells have proved to be mildly radio-active.

Besides some other articles of interes the "Indian Minerals" contains four regular features, namely, the Topical News, the Mineral Digest, the Scientific News and Notes and the Trade and Commercial Intelligence.

SOUTH AFRICAN GOLD ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 7 (U.P.A.): A dol. 10,000,000 shipment of South African gold arrived at New York aboard the freighter 'Hibbing Victory'. Four police cars filled with patrolmen and detectives escorted an armoured car carrying the gold—from the station where the bullion was unloaded—to the Federal Reserve Bank in Manhattan where the gold was placed in a vault.

During loading of the gold, heavy details of police covered the docks. The gold was sealed in stout wooden boxes bound with steel bands, Each box held five bars of gold. Each bar is six inches thick, six inches wide, 12 inches long and worth between dol. 25,000 and dol 30,000.

NEW YORK PEPPER MARKET STEADY.

NEW YORK, May 7, (U. P. A.): An improved spot undertone steadied black pepper futures, although actual trading was at a standstill during today's session of the New York market. Prices closed nominally unchanged to 50 higher, with May at 32 nominal; July 30 nominal; September 27.50 nominal; and October through March 26 nominal.

Spot handlers said while grinder buying interest in actuals remained practically non-existent, inter-trading between dealers developed on a small scale.

Bids for Lampong black were reported at 32, up one, while some sellers raised their ideas to about 33

While the impending report on domestic warehouse stocks as of May 1 is expected to show some increase, some quarters felt the spot supply situation would tighten over the next several weeks. This view was based on smaller offerings from Singapore in addition to reduced arrivals and the delay in issuing Indian export licenses.

President E. L. Winter of the American Spice Trade Association told the trade convention that pepper and other spice prices dropped 50 per cent in the past four months, largely due to competition from artificial seasonings developed during the war. Winter urged vigorous research and merchandising to convince customers of the superiority of natural spices.

WALL STREET IRREGULAR.

NEW YORK, May 7, (U. P. A.): Stocks were irregular in the lightest trading in ten months in today's session of the New York Stock Exchange. With dealings running at an hourly average of less than 100,000 shares per hour, traders remained in the sidelines pending a definite indication of the trend. However, when an early lethargy found the market resisting pressure a somewhat firmer tone developed so that late in the day market showed a tiny gain.

Steels firmed fractionally near the close, while motors were irregular and the rail average gained slightly despite Santa Fe's one-point decline. Sears Roebuck was sustained by record first quarter sales

Total sales amounted to 600,000 shares.

CHURCHILL'S 'INDISCRETIONS'

"He Says Sensationally Cheap Things That Help Labour"

LONDON, May 7. (I.P.A.): A curious incident involving Mr. Churchill and Mr. Eden was the subject of much comment in the lobbies last night. Immediately before the House began a three-day debate on the National Service Bill, Mr. Eden put the usual question on the day's business. Then Mr. Churchill intervened and monopolised the discussion. He continued to question Mr. Morrison for several minutes. Meantime, Mr. Eden was silent—or was he silenced?

Lobby circles recall a growing sense of irritation in the Tory Party against Mr. Churchill's indiscretions as Leader of the Opposition. A joke is going round that Mr. Churchill is Labour Government's best friend as he always falls into a trap and says something sensationally cheap which gains votes for Labour.

Commons Reduce Conscription From 18 To 12 Months

LONDON, May 7 (U.P.A.): The Commons tonight reduced the period of service in Britain's first peacetime Conscription Bill from 18 to 12 months after Defence Minister A. V. Alexander gave assurances it would not bring any change in Britain's foreign policy.

The House first rejected by 311 to 163, an opposition amendment to retain the 18-months' clause, and then aproved substitution of the 12-months' period by a vote of 368 to 17.

The Conservative Party Opposition voted to retain the 18 months' period on the first vote, but went into the Government lobby on the second vote.

CENTRAL PAY COMMISSION REPORT ON MAY 20

MADRAS, May 8 (A.P.I.): Mr. S. Guruswami, General Secretary of the All India Railwaymen's Federation, has just received a telegram from the Hon. Liaquat Ali Khan, Finance Member, that the report of the Central Pay Commission will be published by the 20th of May.

Shahriar Not Optimistic About Future

Dutch-Indonesian Relations Have Not Improved

BATAVIA, May 8. (A.P.A.). Premier Sutan Shariar of the Indonesian Republic said in an interview yesterday that the political atmosphere between the Netherlands and the Indonesian Republic had not improved since the signature of the Cheribon Agreement and "unless there is a sudden change in the Dutch attitude, I am not optimistic for the future.

Shahriar said that the Dutch army continued to bring in re-inforcements. He asked for a cessation of the re-inforcements and an early reduction of the Netherlands forces—steps which he said would have a "good effect" and would improve relations.

He also expressed hope that he would be invited to confer with Dr. Louis Beel, the Dutch Premier who is now in the Netherlands East Indies, on steps to close the widening breach.

Shariar claimed that the political situation was imperilled because: (1) the Dutch recognised the autonomous territory of West Borneo without notifying the Republic or hoading sections. The Indonesian Premier said that they cannot stop the nationalist tendency there or elsewhere in Borneo." (2) The Sudalese People's Party had been permitted to declare a "State of Sunda" at Dutch occupied Bandoeng Shahriar said the state is not important since it has no support among "Sundanese" as it was carried out through the aid of "certain Dutch groups" in what might be an attempt to provide an excuse for later Dutch intervention in the Republican-controlled Sundanese territories.

(3) "The movement being sponsored to detach Banaka and the Billiton Islands off the coa tra which produce 19 per cent of the world's tin."

(4) The Dutch press, particularly in the Netherlands East Indies "is attacking the Republic as aggressive-ly as ever."

(5) Although the Dutch announced plans to ask the United States for a loan up to 300,000,000 dollars for rehabilitation of the Netherlands East Indies, "they never discussed the loan with the Republic. We do not know whether the Republic will receive any of the loan, what conditions might be attached or who might be expected to repay."

International Bank Loan Agreement For France

WASHINGTON, May 8. (U.P.A.): An International Bank source to-day said the draft of the French loan agreement for dol. 250,000,000 was virtually completed and it was hoped its final touches will be put on before the end of the week.

The loan has a total interest of four-and-one-quarter per cent including three per cent for interest, one per cent for the Bank's Sinking Fund and one-quarter per cent for the Bank's loan expenses.

The loan is likely to be amortisable in 20 years with the amortisation probably not beginning before five years. The spokesman said the loan agreement will first be reviewed by the Directors and then by the Bank Board, but it is not considered any hitch will occur then. He said the date of the publication of the amount and the terms of the loan depends upon an agreement with the French Government.

'Inferior Services'

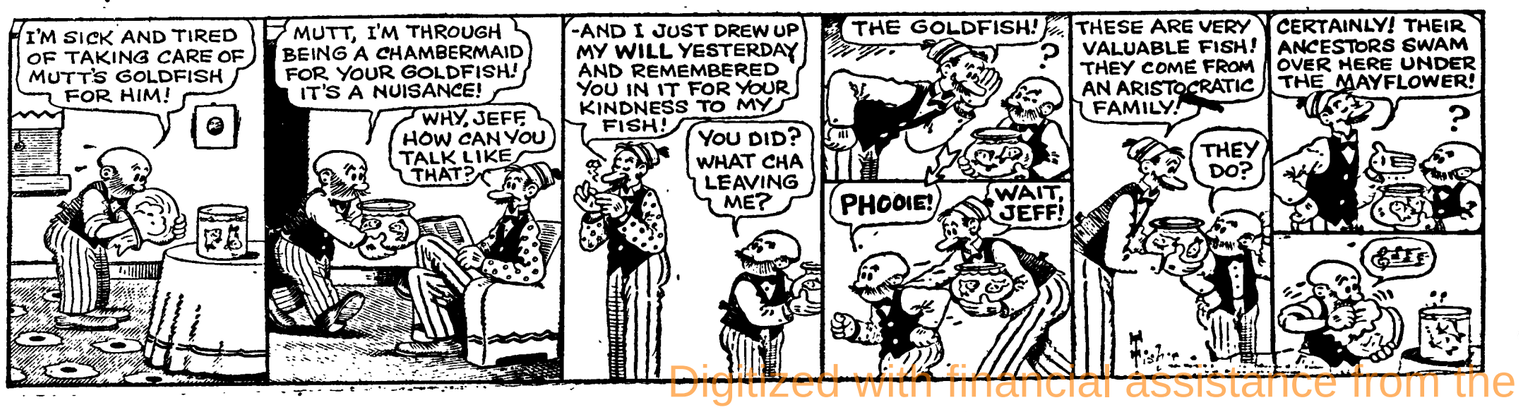
NEW DELHI, May 8. (A.P.I.): The expression "inferior services" according to the latest decision of the Government of India will no longer find place in the public services under the administrative control of the Central Government. A circular issued by the Home Department to different departments says that in future the expression "inferior services" should not be used in any official communication and be replaced by the expression central services class IV".

This decision, it is learnt has been taken in response to several representations made by the unions representing peons, chaprasis and similar other staff working under the Central Government.

LONDON, May 7 (U.P.A.): The protocol fixing the final frontiers between Russia and Poland has been signed in Warsaw the Polish Radio reported today

It also announced that since the Polish Government's amnesty, 55,000 underground Poles have surrendered.

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(3424)

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6. Earnest money (refundable to unsuccessful tenderers) amounting to 10% of the value of the offer to be deposited in Reserve|Imperial Bank of India or Government Treasury in favour of the Regional Commissioner (Disposals), Bombay under the head of account "Revenue Deposits" must accompany the tender. Cheques will not be accepted and may render the tender invalid. 3449

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PRESS NOTICE

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A. B. GAJENDRAGADKAR,
Commandant,
Home Guards, Greater Bombay.
Bombay, 7th May 1947. 3453

PUBLIC NOTICES

OPIUM ALKALOIDS

LARGE-SCALE manufacture of the principal alkaloids of opium is now in progress at the Alkaloid Works attached to the Government Opium Factory, Ghazipur.

The drugs are made-up to conform strictly to the respective standards for quality laid down in B.P. 1932. The manufacture is carried out in an up-to-date plant and is under strict chemical control at all stages.

Large stocks of the following are available for immediate supply:—

Morphine hydrochloride
Morphine sulphate
Codeine Pure
Codeine phosphate

Any other salt or derivative of morphine and or codeine can be manufactured on demand.

For prices and other particulars, apply to
MANAGER, Opium Factory,
Ghazipur, U.P.
(2889)

NOTICE

INVITATION of tenders for the work of Providing Temporary Hangars at Santacruz (Leveiling & dressing area for Callendar & Hamilton & Belman Hangar) estimated to cost Rs. 42,500 - due to be opened on 12th May, 1947 may be treated as cancelled. 3412

THE BOMBAY ELECTRIC SUPPLY & TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LTD.
DIVIDEND ON ORDINARY SHARES.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the Company at their meeting held on the 7th May, 1947, decided to recommend to the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting a final dividend on the Ordinary shares of Re. 1/- per share, making a total dividend of Rs. 3/- per share for the year 1946.

By Order of the Board,
H. C. ITALIA,
Secretary.
8th May, 1947. (3459)

GRAINSHOP DEPARTMENT
B.B. & C.I. RLY.

QUOTATIONS returnable by 16 hrs. on 19-5-1947, are invited on Railway's form for the supply of the following commodities from the merchants possessing the necessary trade licences.

For quantities, terms and deliveries and other conditions please apply to the Asstt. Controller of Grainshops, Church Gate Bombay, at any time during working hours.

Earnest Money amounting to 5% of the total value tendered for should be deposited with the Treasurer Broad Guage, Bombay, and the receipt thereof attached to the tender form.

COMMODITIES.
1. Pulses.
2. Spices.
3. Edible oils.
4. Salt.
5. Coffee Seeds.
6. Onions.
7. Potatoes.
8. Firewood.

3451

THE BARSI LIGHT RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED
(Incorporated in England)

VACANCIES exist for number markers in the grade of Rs. 39-3-45 plus usual dearness allowance under the rules. Applicants must have passed Matriculation or Junior Cambridge Examination. In case of candidates with approved war service the condition of minimum qualification may be relaxed. Apply with copies of testimonials which will not be returned to the Agent and General Manager, Barsi Light Railway, Kurdwadi, District Sholapur.

All applications to be received before 1st June, 1947. 3450

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
Hydraulic Engineer's Department
TENDERS

THE HYDRAULIC ENGINEER by order of the Municipal Commissioner invites tenders for the supply of Pure Alumina Sulphate.

Form obtainable from the Hydraulic Engineer's office, Improvement Trust Bldg., Napier Road, Fort, Bombay, at Rs. 3/- per copy, not refundable. Money order or cash only. Closing date 23rd May 1947 at 1 p.m. (B.T.). 3452

G.I.P. RLY.—TENDERS

THE DY. GENERAL MANAGER (Grainshops), G.I.P. Railway, Bombay V.T., will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 3 P.M. on 26-5-47 for the supply of Groundnut Oil at the Railway grainshop at Sholapur. Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office or from the Asstt. Controller, Grainshops, G.I.P. Railway, at Poona. 3447

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS from persons holding the Diploma in Librarianship are invited for the post of a Librarian in the grade of Rs. 95-5-120, E.B. 130-8-170 plus dearness allowance for the Library of the Bansilal Amritlal College of Agriculture, Anand, so as to reach the undersigned on or before 15th June, 1947. Applications from persons having adequate experience for classification and indexing of books will also be considered. Knowledge of typing will be considered an additional qualification. Applicants should clearly state their age, caste, qualifications, previous experience and minimum salary expected in the applications.

M. D. PATEL,
Principal.
The Bansilal Amritlal College of Agriculture, Anand.
Anand, Dated, 6-5-1947. 3448

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BOMBAY-SIND.
DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND GARDENS, BOMBAY.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED BEFORE 5-6-1947 for the post of DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND GARDENS, Bombay. AGE.— Not more than 35 years on 1-9-1947. Relaxable in suitable cases. PAY.—Rs. 500-1150. A higher starting pay may be given to a deserving candidate. QUALIFICATIONS: (i) Degree in Agriculture of a recognised University and (ii) preferably with practical knowledge of landscape architecture and administrative experience in gardening, construction of Gardens and conducting outdoor games and Physical culture activities. Candidates must be practising horticulturists. Application form supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 3½ annas postage stamps and an uncrossed Indian Postal Order for Re. 1 - payable to "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission", Bombay, who will also supply full details on request. 3446

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

AN AUCTION for the right of cutting grass from a plot of land admeasuring approximately 5 acres at the Sewage Purification Works, Dadar, will be held in the office of the Chemist, Purification Works, at 2-30 P.M (Bombay Time) on Monday, the 19th May 1947.

The conditions of sale and lease can be seen in the office of the Chemist at the place mentioned above.

(Sd) B. B. PATKAR,
Deputy City Engineer.
Municipal Offices,
Fort, Bombay, 7th May 1947. (3462)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that M's INDIAN IMPORTERS SYNDICATE have ceased to be the Managing Agents of M's Indra Premchand & Co., Ltd., M's Asia Imports Ltd., and M s Mansukhani Bros. & Co., Ltd.

All further communications to these three Companies may be sent to their own Registered Address.

G. J. SALDANHA.
Advocate for
M's Indian Imports Syndicate
17, Raveline Street, Bombay.
(5785)

BOMBAY PORT TRUST

TENDERS will be received by the Controller of Stores, Bombay Port Trust, at his office at Clarke Bunder, Mazagon, Bombay No 10 up to 1 p.m. (B.T.) on THURSDAY, the 29th May, 1947, for the supply of One Concrete Mixer, 10/7 c.f.t. capacity.

Tender forms giving full particulars and conditions, which will not be sent per V.P.P., can be obtained from the office of the undersigned on payment of Re. 1/- per copy.

F. AHMED,
Controller of Stores
3445

G.I.P. RLY.—TENDERS.

THE Dy. GENERAL MANAGER (Grainshops), G.I.P. Railway, Bombay V.T., will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 3 p.m. on 20-5-47 for the handling and Transport work at the Railway Grainshops at Igatpuri, Nasik Nandgaon and Bhusaval. Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office or from the Asst. Controller Grainshops, G.I.P. Railway at Bhusaval. (3463)

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of "The Municipal Civil Engineer" for the Ahmednagar Borough Municipality from intending Candidates, who have preferably an experience of the preparation of projects and constructions of—Tar Roads, Buildings, Water Works, Filter Beds, Drainage etc in the scale of 150-10 1-240 E.B 10 1-300 plus Rs. 30 - as Conveyance Allowance and the usual Dearness Allowance. Candidates must have passed the University Degree of the B.E. (Civil) Examination and should submit their applications so as to reach the undersigned on or before 31st May, 1947 stating therein their Caste Sub-Caste, Age with their birth-date, and Qualifications and previous experience of work mother-tongue etc together with the copies of their Certificates and Testimonials as regards their academic qualification, age, character, ability and previous experience Candidates should state the minimum salary on which they are willing to join; Candidates, if called for an interview, will have to come to Ahmednagar at their own expenses. The selected Candidate will be liable for being confirmed only after a satisfactory probationary period of one year

(Sd) U. R. BOGAWAT,
President,
Borough Municipality,
Ahmednagar
Municipal Office
Dated 5-5-1947 (460)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

Mr. PURSHOTTAM PANDURANG SAMANT, carrying on business as Messrs. PEERLESS PICTURES has created in our favour a First Mortgage of the negatives, territorial rights of distribution, exploitation and exhibition of the pictures Paroo, Shikayat and Moti for the whole world to secure repayment with interest of the amount advanced with under a deed of Mortgage dated 4th June, 1946. The public is warned against dealing with and making any payment to the said Mr. Purshottam Pandurang Samant or any other person in relation to any rights in respect of the said pictures. Any dealings with or payments to the said Purshottam Pandurang Samant regarding the territorial rights or the said pictures thereof will not affect our clients' rights. Dated this 7th day of May, 1947.

NANU HORMUSJEE & CO.
Attorney's for
R. B. Anant Shivaji Desai
Topiwalle. 3461

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF MUNICIPAL UNSERVICEABLE STORES

Under instructions from the Municipal Commissioner, Bombay M s. BENNETT & CO. will TODAY FRIDAY, 9TH inst. at 3 p.m. (B T) sell by Public Auction at Foras Road, Municipal Work Shop:— big lot tyres, tubes W.I., brass, gun metal, copper, brass and g.m. boring scrap, kerosene tins, dealwood cases, barrels etc. today at 3-45 p.m. (B T.) at Bellasis Bridge Pipe Depot, Tardeo: C. I. scrap about 32 tons, W.I scrap about 22 tons, barrels, flushing tanks, rakes, chisels, shovels, pick axes, E. wire, rubber, hose, drums, tyres tubes etc.

Terms: 50 p.c Cash Deposit
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